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#### **States**

New York tiger owner: A man sentenced to five months in jail after pleading guilty to keeping a tiger and an alligator in his New York City apartment was released from jail, and says he would like to open his

own zoo

Antoine Yates, 36, said he was freed Thursday after serving about 31/2 months as a result of his guilty plea in July to reckless endangerment. He said the shortened term reflected time off for good behavior.

Yates said he spent his jail time studying and working out physically and that he

plans to apply for a job at the Bronx Zoo. "I would like to further my education by studying animal science and would like one day to open my own zoo," he said.

Ground Zero redevelopment: The Environmental Protection Agency has rejected state and federal requests to monitor the demolition of the Deutsche Bank building. adjacent to Ground Zero, and stepped away from agreements to coordinate with government agencies in the razing of the building

On Dec. 14, the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation announced multi-phased plan for the demolition of the building, scheduled to begin next year. But EPA officials said they do not believe the area will be fully guarded from toxins in the structure

The plan "doesn't give me confidence that will be adequately protected," said David Newman, a member of the EPA's advisory panel told The New York Post in Sunday editions

#### **Business**

Wall Street investigations: Attorney General Eliot Spitzer said Saturday that federal investigators are better equipped now to investigate corruption on Wall Street but vowed state investigators like himself will remain competitive in leading the fight against white-collar crime.

'The SEC is coming back to life and that's good, but we're going to continue to pursue our mandate," Spitzer said. "We are going to be as aggressive going forward as we have been

Spitzer said it was not good to force financial firms to face multiple interpretations of regulations by individual states. Still, he made clear his office would surrender no ground to reinvigorated federal agencies, like the Securities and Exchange Commission, despite published reports suggesting otherwise. Spitzer commented two weeks after he de-



Pope on gay marriage: Pope John Paul II blesses faithful Sunday from his studio's window overlooking St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. He urged politicians on Sunday to defend the institution of the family against what he called grave challenges, an apparent reference to efforts to legalize marriage between homosexuals

clared he would run for governor in 2006, which will require large donations, some of which will come from Wall Street firms. He denied the announcement had anything to do with his campaign.

Space station supplies: An unmanned Russian cargo spaceship on a vital supply mission docked at the international space station early Sunday, delivering badly needed food for the two-member U.S.-Russian crew, who have been forced to ration their dwindling supplies.

The Progress M.51 docked at the orbiting station at 2:58 a.m. Moscow time on Sunday. said officials at Russian mission control in

Korolyov outside Moscow The spaceship, which lifted off Friday from the remote Baikonur cosmodrome in the steppes of Kazakhstan, delivered about 2.5 tons of equipment and supplies, including more than 440 pounds of food for Russian cosmonaut Salizhan Sharipov and U.S. astronaut Leroy Chiao, who are in their third month on the station.

The cargo included holiday gifts for the crew from their families and friends, along with turkey for a belated Christmas dinner. space officials said.

Sudan violence: Prime Minister Tony Blair's office on Sunday dismissed a newspa per report that he had ordered the military to prepare 3,000 troops for a possible mis-

sion to Sudan's violence-torn Darfur region. "I don't recognize that story at all Blair spokesman said on condition of anonymity. "Our position on Sudan has been made clear. Basically, what we are doing is providing whatever help we can to the African Union force and we're working with the African Union and the U.N. to resolve the situation there," the spokesman said.

The Independent newspaper, which cited no sources, reported Sunday that Blair had told military bosses to prepare plans that could be implemented if he decides to order British troops to Sudan next year

#### War on terrorism

El Salvador troop deployment: The only country in the Western Hemisphere besides the United States still fielding soldiers in the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq may extend its troop deployment beyond a scheduled return early next year, El Salvador's presi-dent said Saturday.

"We're helping the Iraqi people, and it there is the need to prolong our presence, if the authorities need it and we can help, I would not have a problem," President Tony Saca said

A decision will be made after the Jan. 30 elections in Iraq, he said.

El Salvador is the only Western Hemisphere country with soldiers still aiding the United States in Iraq. Honduras, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic withdrew their

Salvadoran forces have been in Iraq since August 2003, with 380 troops currently serving there.

Syria accusations: Syria on Sunday dismissed as "baseless and non-objective" accusations that it is training and helping insurgents who attack government and U.S.-led coalition forces in Iraq.

The Al-Baath daily newspaper of the ruling Baath party said the charges were part a "misleading campaign" that seeks to blame Syria for events in Iraq.

Naiaf's police commander Ghaleh al-Jazaeri said Saturday that one of the six people detained on suspicion of organizing last week's bombing in the Iraqi holy city Najaf, an Iraqi named Ali Hussein, had confessed to receiving training in a Syrian camp under the supervision of a Syrian military officer But al-Jazaeri told the Al-Jazeera Arab satellite station that he was not accusing Syria of being behind the bombing.

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# AMC officials tell passengers to pack light

BY VINCE LITTLE Stars and Stripes

With the holiday travel season at its peak, Air Mobility Command officials around the Pacific have a message for on-duty and space-available passengers: pack

light.

A significant number of travelers are showing up for roll call unaware of the weight limits placed

on personal baggage.
"It's always been a problem here," said Master Sgt. Richard Lawton, noncommissioned officer in charge of passenger service for the AMC terminal at Osan Air Base, South Korea. "You feel for the guys but we have to adhere to

our standards."
Whether on official or space-A status, passengers can check in just two pieces of baggage, which cannot exceed 70 pounds each, Lawton said. If those limitations aren't met, the bag will be count-

ed as two pieces.

Items exceeding 100 pounds
won't be accepted and must be

moved as freight.

There are certain exceptions,
Lawton said. B-4 duffel and sea
bags are allowed as one piece regardless of size, provided they

## Baggage must meet weight limit or be left behind

don't weigh more than 100 pounds. That policy also applies to large garment bags, golf clubs, snow skis, portable bicycles, fishing equipment, rucksacks and mu-

sical instruments, he said.
Only one of these outsized or irregularly shaped bags per person will be granted the exception and the second piece still must be of more normal luggage size and

weigh 70 pounds or less.
"We've had bags weigh as
much as 100 pounds," Lawton
said. "The person carrying it has
to get rid of it or pay the excess-baggage fee. A lot of times,
we wind up giving the stuff that
has to be left behind away to the

orphanages."
The excess-baggage charge is S84, but that option is available only to duty passengers with travel orders. Space-available travelers must be within the weight standards. "Basically, they have to get rid of that stuff if they plan

on traveling," Lawton said.

Korean-made bags are among the most cumbersome that surface for check-in at Osan, he added. "If they have that bag, we

basically go by that weight. If ... they fill it up, more than likely it's going to exceed the 70-pound limit." Lawton said.

Osan AMC officials have sent letters to transportation offices around the theater that detail baggage limitations and requirements, Lawton said, adding that he believes the information isn't always being given AMC passengers.

"I don't think travelers are being informed by their travel offices," he said. "Most of the passengers we talk to say they didn't know. They don't know. Those letters are in each base's travel offices, where they get itinerary tickets for travel.

"These passengers should be given a copy of this letter along with their itinerary. We mainly want to let people know what the limitations are."

The weight problem hasn't been nearly as prevalent at the AMC terminals on Yokota Air Base in Japan and Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, said officials at these beautiful and the said of the

Master Sgt. Thomas Johnson, noncommissioned officer in charge of passenger services for Yokota's 730th Air Mobility Squadron, said travelers can take some simple steps to ensure they don't haul cumbersome luggage into the terminal.

"The smart thing to do is try to pack lightly," he suggested. "When traveling in groups, try to pool your baggage. That takes up excess weight and distributes it to other baggage."

Avoid transporting liquids such as shampoo, hair products and detergents, Johnson added: "Things in liquid form tend to weigh more."

"Just make every attempt to travel light," he said. "If your goal is to go shopping, then carry the bare minimum. Don't carry an excessive change of clothes and personal items. If you don't need it, leave those things behind.

"The bottom line, you need to be aware of the baggage limitations. Once people stay within those limits, they'll be fine."

Yoko Miyagi, a travel clerk at the Kadena AMC terminal, said different aircraft have differing baggage restrictions. Passengers on smaller planes such as the

C-12, C-21 and UC-35 are limited to a maximum of two bags weighing a total of 30 pounds, she said, while the 70-pound standard is applied to Patriot Express flights

while the 7-bound standard is applied to Patriot Express flights. "If the bags are overweight, we cannot accept the passengers," she said. "Sometimes people show up and we have to turn them away. They have too much weight. We tell them to open bags and take out items to get under

The weight standards exist to maintain flight safety, Lawton said. The Allowable Cabin Load—an aircraft's weight limit—cannot be exceeded.

"If we end up getting too much weight on the aircraft, we have to bump passengers and bags to get below that ACL," he added. "Our problems are mainly surfacing on

the Patriot Express flights."

Lawton also preaches the light approach to AMC travel, regardless of the type.

When undergoing a permanent change of station, he advised, "Ship the majority of your items with your household goods and only take the necessary items that you need. Avoid the big shopping binge the day prior to your flieht."

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Petty Officer 2nd Class Chad White gets reacquainted with Jevon, 5 months, as wife Sonja looks on following the submarine USS Houston's arrival at its new permanent home base on Guam.

> FRANK WHITMAN Special to Stars and Stripes



## Houston arrives at new home on Guam

BY FRANK WHITMAN Special to Stars and Stripes

GUAM — The 80-degree temperatures thawed any idea this was the North Pole. but Guam still was looking a lot like Christmas on Friday morning as the USS Houston pulled into Apra Harbor here.

Santa Claus was present to help out, waving from the deck. But mostly, the crew said, it was the family members waiting dockside to welcome the submarine to its new permanent base — just in time for the holiday.

"We made a big effort to get all the families here and then to get here the day before Christmas so the crew can spend Christmas with their families," said Cmdr. Christopher Kaiser, the Houston's commanding officer. "It makes it that much more meaningful."

Also on hand to mark the occasion were Guam government and business officials, Commodore Brad Gehrke, commander of Submarine Squadron 15, and a local dance troupe.

But Kaiser said the weather alone probably was enough to clue most Houston crew members that they no longer were in their former base in Bremerton, Wash. The sub's two-week voyage brought it from Bremerton via Alaska. "The last time I was on the bridge it was snowing," Kaiser said. "I had two stocking caps on and gloves and my mouth was all covered up. So this is wonderful."

Guam officials — who said they expect their island's economy to be bolstered by the increased U.S. military presence—said they think it's pretty wonderful, too. Among those giving welcoming speeches at the dockside ceremony were Guam Gov. Pelix Camacho and James Adkins, Guam Chamber of Commerce Armed Forces Committee

"There's no place like Guam as far as support for the military and the submarines coming here. It's a welcoming and warm community. They want the Navy here and the Navy wants to be here so it's good for everyone," Gehrke said.

The Houston joins the USS City of Corpus Christi and the USS San Francisco in Submarine Squadron 15, which was reactivated in February 2001.

"It's great to have our third submarine here to complete our squadron," Gehrke said. "It's great to have our guys here. It's a great Christmas present. The families have been out here for weeks getting settled and anticipating the husbands' arrival. They're all excited."

## Iwakuni runway relocation project nominated for award

BY GREG TYLER Stars and Stripes

A group of Iwakuni engineers now have something in common with a lot of Oscar nominees: Like many finalists for the film award, they say just being nominated is an honor.

The Army Corps of Engineers recently nominated those overseeing Iwakuni's rumway relocation effort for its Project Delivery Team of the Year Award. They didn't win — but Iwakuni officials say they're just happy to be nominated.

"We are all very proud of the example set by both the American and Japanese engineers working together here," said Capt. Stewart Upton, base spokesman.

The nomination was for the massive land reclamation undertaking slated for completion in 2009, Upton said.

"The nomination is just the beginning of the work being done here in gaining recognition," he said, "not just for the quality but for the coordination between our two governments."

The \$2.2 billion project, which began in 1997, is to entail moving some 14,836 cubic feet of land from nearby Atago Mountain via conveyor systems, and building an 8,052-foot runway about 1,000 yards offshore from

the existing runway, air operation centers, port facilities and

In 1994, after 20 years of negotiating, Japanese officials amnounced plans to build the runway, which is designed to decrease the danger of a plane crash in densely populated neighborhoods and a nearby petroleum plant, and to expose local residents to less aircraft noise.

"This is the largest construction project that the government of Japan has done and will be the only U.S. government-controlled deep-water port and heavy-lift airfield in Asia," Mark Nedzbala, resident engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, stated in a base news report Thursday.

The project is the largest land reclamation project in Department of Defense history, officials said.

"The Government of Japan has provided excellent facilities," he added, "and has been a significant asset for the U.S. Forces with this runway relocation project."

Japanese and U.S. officials have said the runway will be one of the best on the western Pacific Rim, and is being built with safeguards against natural disasters, such as earthquakes.

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# Iraqi general: Suicide bomber was not Guard

BY BASSEM MROUE The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Last week's suicide attack in a U.S. base in Mosul was not carried out by a member of the Iraqi security forces, although the attacker may have been wearing an Iraqi uni form, the head of Irag's armed forces said Sunday

"Certainly he was not a member of the National Guards be-cause all of our men stationed in the base have been accounted for." Gen. Babaker B. Shawkat Zebari said in an interview with The Associated Press

He spoke as the Ansar al-Sunna Army group, which has claimed responsibility for the Mosul strike, released a video of what appeared to be the actual bombing.

On Tuesday, an attacker blew himself up in a crowded mess hall at the Marez base just south of Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad The explosion, the deadliest strike on a U.S. military facility, triggered a wide-ranging investigation into how the attacker penetrated the heavily guarded area.

Asked about President Bush's comments in which he said members of Iraq's fledgling military force were fleeing from combat, Zebari replied: "I think the president received misleading informa-

The general said none of his soldiers had deserted from the battlefield, but acknowledged that some recruits undergoing training decided to guit after they were told they would be posted to the restive city of Fallujah that was retaken from insurgents last month by U.S. and Iraqi troops.

Zebari claimed that foreign fighters are still infiltrating into Iraq from Syria.

"I don't know if the [Syrian] government is closing its eyes or the terrorists are finding their ways to cross," Zebari said.

Zebari said six Arabs using forged Iraqi identity cards were detained near the Syrian border on Thursday. He said the men



This photograph released by the U.S. Army on Friday shows a dining hall at a U.S. military installation in Mosul, Iraq, where a large explosion on Dec. 21 left 22 dead and many more injured.

were detained with explosives in their possession.

Zebari's comments came a day after Najaf's police commander, Ghaleb al-Jazaeri, said they de tained an Iraqi who confessed to receiving training in a camp in Syria under the supervision of a Syrian military officer. The man was apparently involved in a bombing in Najaf earlier this month that killed 54 people.

Syria on Sunday dismissed al-Jazaeri's statements as "baseless and nonohiective

Zebari said the troubled northern city of Mosul was now under control of U.S. and government forces and that "more military units are being sent there to restore calm.'

The base where Tuesday's attack occurred in Mosul also was used by members of Iraq's security forces. Three members of the Iraqi National Guard - a paramilitary internal security force also died in the blast.

The U.S. military said it as peared likely that an individual in an Iraqi military uniform — who was probably wearing an explosive-laden vest - carried out the

"That is possible because uniforms of National Guards, police and army are available in the market." said Zebari. "It is not difficult for a person to wear one.

The Ansar al-Sunna Army group has claimed responsibly for the attack saying it was a suicide attack

The dead included 18 Ameri cans - 13 servicemembers and five U.S. civilian contractors and three Iraqi guardsmen and one unidentified "non-U.S. per-son," according to figures released by the U.S. military.

Of the 69 wounded, 44 were

U.S. military personnel and the remainder American civilians. Iraqi troops and other foreigners. Zebari said Iraqi forces are getting stronger every day and that he expected them to be capable of

replacing the Americans within six months to a year. 'The insurgents are getting

weaker. Hardly a day passes with out detaining or killing dozens of them," he said.

Also Sunday, police in the northern city of Kirkuk captured two brothers, Rasem Qara Abdul-Baset, who allegedly confessed to having links with Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's Al-Qaida in Iraq network, Brig. Gen. Sarhad Qader said.

In Baghdad, masked gunmen assassinated a high-ranking Iraqi police officer, Col. Yassin Ibrahim Jawad, and wounded his two bodyguards, police said.

### Video shows footage of the attack on U.S. base in Mosul

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The radical Islamic group that claimed responsibility for the deadliest at-tack on a U.S. base in Iraq released on Sunday dramatic videotape showing three militants describing their plans to carry out the suicide bombing which killed more than 20 peo

The footage also shows what appears to be the attack itself, showing a fireball rising up and a torn white tent. In the Dec. 21 attack, a bomber — probably dressed in an Iraqi military uniform — slipped into a dining tent packed with soldiers eating lunch and set off his explosives at Marez base on the outskirts of the city of Mosul in northern Iraq, according to U.S. officials.

Ansar al-Sunnah issued a statement soon after saving it carried the attack out.

In the new video, which carried a Dec. 20 date on the footage, three guerrillas clad in black, wearing face masks and carrying AK-47 automatic rifles describe their plans.

One of the men read a state-ment saying another of the three — identified as Abu Omar al-Musali would carry out the attack by breaking into the base through the perimeter fence. The man reading the statement later embraced the bomber, who was wearing an explosives-laden vest. "He will take advantage of the change of guards. We have been observing their schedule for a long time. This lion will then proceed to his target and we will take advantage of lunch time. He will storm the dining room where the crusaders and their [Iraqi] allies are gathered," said the man.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Saturday, Dec. 25, 2004. at least 1.323 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003 according to an Associated Press count. At least 1034 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department

The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is seven higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Thursday.

The British military has reported 75 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 16; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia one death each

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,185 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 925 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers

The latest deaths reported by the military

■ No new deaths reported. The latest identifications reported by the Defense Depart-

■ Army 1st Lt. Christopher W. Barnett, 32, Baton Rouge, La.; died Thursday in Baghdad, Iraq, when an explosive detonated near his vehicle; assigned to the National Guard's 1st Battalion, 156th Armor Regiment, 256th Brigade Combat Team. Shreveport, La.

## U.S. officials denied abuses in Cuba

BY CAROL D. LEONNIG

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - At least 10 current and former detainees at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, have lodged allegations of abuse similar to the incidents described by FBI agents in newly released documents, claims that were denied by the government but gained credibility with the reports om the agents, their attorneys say.

In public statements after their release and in docents filed with federal courts, the detainees have said they were beaten before and during interrogations "short-shackled" to the floor and otherwise mistreated as part of the effort to get them to confess to being members of al-Qaida or the Taliban.

Even some of the detainees' attorneys acknowledged that they were initially skeptical, mainly because there has been little evidence that captors at Guantanamo Bay engaged in the kind of abuse discovered at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison.

But last Monday, the American Civil Liberties Union released FBI memos, which it obtained through a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit, in which agents described witnessing or learning of serious mistreatment of detainees

"On a couple of occasions, I entered interview rooms to find a detainee chained hand and foot in a fetal position to the floor, with no chair, food or water," an unidentified agent wrote on Aug. 2, 2004, for example. "Most times they had urinated or defecated on themselves, and had been left there for 18, 24 hours or more.'

Brent Mickum, a Washington attorney for one of the detainees, said that "now there's no question these guys have been tortured. When we first got involved in this case, I wondered whether this could all be true. But every allegation that I've heard has now come to pass and been confirmed by the government's own papers."

A Pentagon spokesman has said the military has an ongoing investigation of torture claims and takes credible allegations seriously.

Pentagon officials and lawyers say the military has been careful not to abuse detainees and has complied with treaties on the handling of enemy prisoners "to the extent possible" in the middle of a war.

# Militant army gains clout, eclipsing al-Qaida

44I think Ansar

al-Sunnah will, as

an organization, last

longer and will

enjoy a broader base

of support than

al-Qaida in Iraa.

BY RAWYA RAGEH The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The Ansar al-Sunnah Army has emerged from its roots as a little known militant group operating in northern Iraq to become the country's deadliest terror network, capable of carrying out spectacular strikes like last week's suicide bombing at a U.S. base and virtually eclips-

ing al-Qaida's cell in the war-torn nation. Unlike al-Qaida, Ansar al-Sumnah is believed to be made up mainly of Iraqis, and its apparent strategy of targeting only Americans and those viewed as collaborating with them — Iraqi security forces and Kurds — may have increased its support, in contrast to other groups that have hit more clearly Iraqi civilian targets.

more clearly Iraq civilian targets.

Nearly five months after the collapse of
Saddam Hussein's regime in April 2003,
Ansar al-Sumah's first statement surfaced
on the Internet, pronouncing itself "a
group of jihadists, scholars, and political
and military experts" dedicated to creating
an Islamic state in Iraq.

The statement was signed by the group's "emir," or leader, the previously unknown

Abu Abdullah al-Hassan Ibn Mahmoud. Since then, it has carried out numerous bombings and attacks, particularly in northern Iraq — and shown its ruthlessness with the slaying in August of 12 kidnapped Nepalese construction workers, releasing video showing their deaths. In its deadliest operation, Ansar al-Sumah claimed responsibility for Feb. 1 suicide bombings against two Kurdish political parties in Irbil, killing

109 people.

Tuesday's attack on
U.S. forces at Mosul
showed even greater
sophistication and planning, killing 22 people,

mostly American soldiers and civilians. Now the group is warning Iraqis not to participate in crucial Jan. 30 elections, promising to attack polling stations

But who exactly is behind Ansar al-Sunnah and how it was formed remains a mystery. Some experts believe the group splintered from Ansar al-Islam, an al-Qaida-linked group established in September 2001.

Ansar al-Islam was founded by Mullah Krekar, who has been living as a refugee in Norway since 1991. The group vowed to set up a conservative Islamic state in northern Iraq, and its members have trained in Afghanistan and provided safe haven to al-Qaida members fleeing the U.S. invasion there.

The offshoot group may have changed its name to Ansar al-Sunnah — Arabic for

"supporters of the sunnah," of the traditions of Prophet Muhammad — as an attempt to appeal to Iraq's minority Sunni Arabs, experts suggest.

There is nothing to corroborate this theory except that the group mainly operates in northern Iraq where Ansar al-Islam is based.

Rohan Gunaratna
Terrorism expert
research indicates that the Ansar al-Sun-

nah Army was established by a mix of various Sunni Muslim anti-occupation factions that came together after the end of the war. They chose the name Ansar al-Sunnah (loosely translated as "supporters of the traditions of Prophet Muhammad") to distinguish the Sunni group from Shiite mili-

tias, Salah said.

The group now seems to include nationalists and other secular people opposed to

the U.S. presence in Iraq who are not typical religious fundamentalists or extremists but who "chose the cover of Islam as a propaganda that sells well."

The group seeks an Islamic government and Islamic law in Iraq, stressing its opposition to democracy, which it says replaces God's rightful rule with that of man.

Still, it remains unclear whether Ansar al-Sunnah is linked to Osama bin Laden's network, or whether it is actually competing with it.

U.S. officials have said Ansar al-Islam, its alleged parent group, is believed linked to al-Zarqawi.

But while al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad group in October declared allegiance to bin Laden, changing its name to al-Qaida in Iraq, no such announcement was made by Ansar al-Sunnah.

Singapore-based terrorism expert Rohan Gunaratna said Zarqamis group allied itself to al-Qaida because it seems to be expanding its recruitment efforts to the entire Middle East and Europe as opposed to Ansar al-Sunnah's "exclusive Iraqi

With or without al-Qaida, it looks like Ansar al-Sunnah is here to stay.

"I think Ansar al-Sunnah will, as an organization, last longer and will enjoy a broader base of support than al-Qaida in Iraq," Gunaratna said.

# Mysterious front companies hindering oil-for-food inquiry

BY SAM CAGE The Associated Press

GENEVA — The U.N.-ordered probe into oil-for-food corruption is being seriously hampered by an elaborate system of ghost firms set up around the world to cover the tracks of bribes to Sadd-am Hussein as he cheated the S60 billion program, a top investigator said.

Some front companies in this global oil trading center and elsewhere that dealt with Saddam have been liquidated or have hidden ownership, complicating the search for evidence of financial improprieties, said Swiss criminal lawyer Mark Pieth. He's one of three commission members leading the probe headed by former U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker.

Major oil trading companies and individuals — from American businessmen to French, Chinese and Russian politicians are suspected of benefiting from lucrative Iraqi oil contracts that involved kickbacks, according to the independent panel's initial findings.

Those who profited may have been able to hide behind a web of fiction by making transactions through ghost firms that exist mostly on paper, Pieth told The Associated Press.

Despite the thin trail, Pieth said he was confident investigators would ultimately trace the funds back to those who may have made illicit profits — or allowed Saddam and his regime to profit legally — during the oil-for-food program, which existed from 1996 until 2003.



who is leading the probe into the Iraqi oil-for-food program, speaks at a May 20 news conference at the United Nations in New York.

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The \$30 million oil-for-food probe isn't expected to be finished until

have promised to help," Pieth said of the two countries where more than two dozen companies got oil under the program, according to an AP examination of records.

it is, but on the other hand we also

have means of finding the benefi-

cial owners." Pieth said. "There

is usually a file, if the banks have

Pieth said national authorities

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Neither nation is known for having oil reserves of its own. But according to a list Volcker released

of 248 companies that "lifted," or exported, Iraqi oil under the program, companies based in Switzerland took more than those from any other country except France and Russia. The tiny principality of Liechtenstein — which has 33.000 inhabitants — came in

> Volcker has said that being on the list doesn't necessarily imply guilt in paying kickbacks. Switzerland

eighth on the list.

Switzerland and Liechtenstein are among countries whose lax regulations

and traditions of discretion in business and banking make them attractive for trading companies.

Volcker's independent consion was set up this year at the quest of U.N. Secretary-Ge Kofi Annan to investigate the

Front companies registered in other tax havens — such as Cyprus, Jordan, Panama, Curacao in the Caribbean, and Jersey in

#### Countries participating in oil-for-food program

According to an U.N.-ordered inquiry, these are the top 10 countries that purchased oil from Iraq under the oil-for-food program from

1996	until 2003:		
Top	10 countries		In billions
1.	Russia		\$19.26
2.	France		4.39
3.	Switzerland		3.48
4.	Britain		3.38
5.	Turkey		3.34
6.	Italy		2.72
7.	China		2.63
8.	Liechtenstein		2.47
9.	Spain	_	1.64
10	Malaysia		1 49

The United States is listed in 26th place at \$482.83 million.

SOURCE: United Nations

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the Channel Islands off the United Kingdom — also feature in the oil-for-food investigation.

The program, which began in 1996 and ended last year after the U.S. invasion ousted Saddam, allowed Iraq to trade about \$60 billion worth of oil for food, medicine and other necessities that became scarce under strict U.N. economic sanctions imposed after the Gulf War. The program was credited with preventing wide-spread starvation.

Congressional investigators who also are looking into corruption at the program said in November that they had uncovered evidence Saddam's government raised more than \$21.3 billion in illegal revenue by subverting U.N. sanctions and the oil-for-food program.

Volcker's independent commission was set up this year at the request of U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to investigate the program. Pieth is the second commissioner and the third is South African Richard Goldstone, who pros-

ecuted Yugoslav war crimes.



Mark Pieth

A preliminary report on findings is expected to be released in January, but the \$30 million probe isn't expected to be finished until well into 2005.

"We're not going to do diplomatic soft talk," Pieth said. "If there's something to be said, we are going to name these people involved."

# 2 Mass. kids helping troops phone home

## Young entrepreneurs turn used cell phones into free calling cards for GIs

BY KEN MAGUIRE The Associated Press

BOSTON - For all the billions of dollars being spent on the war in Iraq, 14-year-old Brittany Bergquist is surprised that the Army doesn't do what she and her little brother do: help soldiers

"I'm kind of happy that they didn't supply them," she said, "because we've always wanted to do something for the soldiers.

With \$14 from their piggy banks, she and her 12-year-old brother Robbie started Cell Phones For Soldiers In less than eight months, the organization has provided \$250,000 worth of prepaid calling cards for American soldiers in Iraq. Afghanistan. and Kuwait.

They raise money by collecting old cellular phones and selling them to companies that refurbish them for resale on the Internet. then use it buy the calling cards.

"I'm so happy that we can help said Brittany, eighth-grader from Norwell, Mass

It all started in April, when the family heard about a Massachusetts soldier who ran up \$7,600 in cell phone charges calling home from Iraq.

Cellular provider T-Mobile forgave much of the bill. But Brittany and Robbie figured there must be other soldiers - including their cousin, Donnie Williamson - who are stationed in Iraq and want to call home more often but can't afford it

The Bergquist kids pooled their



Brittany Bergquist, 14, left, and her brother, 12-year-old Robbie, pose in their Norwell, Mass., home. With \$14 from their piggy banks, the pair started Cell Phones For Soldiers, which provides prepaid calling cards for American soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. The organization collects old cell phones and sells them to companies that refurbish them, then uses the money to buy calling cards for U.S. troops.

funds - \$14 - and got friends to kick in another \$7. They opened a bank account at South Shore Savings Bank, which was so impressed it contributed \$500.

Vard sales followed and news paper articles. Soon, national TV news crews were calling and the kids gave live interviews on morning shows

Hundreds of schools and orga nizations, from Hawaii to Geor-gia, have started local chapters and become drop-off centers for used cell phones.

"It's hard doing everything, Brittany said. "But it doesn't matter to us. We think about how hard the soldiers work every day and they don't have a choice to

On Tuesday, the Internal Reveue Service granted Cell Phones For Soldiers nonprofit status.

Many large companies have told the Bergquists they were waiting for the nonprofit status so their contributions are tax deductible, said their father, Bob Bergquist, a science teacher at Norwell Middle School. Mother Gail is also a teach-

One challenge for Bergquists has been identifying troops before they deploy, because once they are overseas it gets harder to contact individual soldiers. The Pentagon only delivers mail from family or friends; unaddressed bulk mailings are prohibited.

"We fortunately live in an American society that's very generous [but] it overwhelmed our mailing system in the past," said Army Lt. Col. Joe Yoswa, a Defense Department spokesman.

He says soldiers can use phone banks and Internet cafes, but it's up to them to pay the fees out of

Using a cell phone in Iraq can cost a soldier up to \$3 a minute in roaming charges, according to Bob Bergquist. The Bergquists have traveled

to Minnesota, Texas, Louisiana,

out calling cards to soldiers about to be deployed to war zones.

They've made sacrifices; Brittany skipped a statewide cheerlead-ing competition, and Robbie has missed big soccer and hockey

"We have a scrapbook that we keep," Robbie said "Wo 1-keep," Robbie said. "We look back at what we've done. It al-

ways helps keep us motivated. The daily e-mails from soldiers and their families also help. One wrote: "Hearing from family members is what keens a sol-

dier going and gives them the drive to get the job done and get Helping families stay connect-ed is the biggest reward, Brittany

said

"That's a big motivation, for families to know where their sons and daughters are at all times," she said

They also get e-mails from people who oppose the war.

"We tell them we're not supporting or endorsing the war. Bob Bergquist said. "What we're concerned about are the soldiers. What we want to do is support them

The Bergquist kids have quickly become role models. Brittany will be featured in an upcoming issue of Teen People magazine Good Housekeeping and Parade Magazine are also doing stories. But all the attention won't dis-

tract from their mission, the kids said "I think we're going to be doing

this forever," Brittany said. "As long as there are troops not home, we'll be doing this.

#### Reserve forces put lives on hold while waiting for word on Iraq BY DON BABWIN manders were so sure his unit



Marine reservist Kevin Lackey poses Tuesday with his parents, Bruce and Theresa Lackey, in Willowbrook, Ill. Lackey is one of more than 1 million National Guard and Reserve troops who have their lives are on hold awaiting possible orders to Iraq.

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Kevin Lackey is eager to take what he's learned in the Marine Reserves into war in Iraq. Theresa Lackey can't bear to watch the news, for fear she'll see soldiers searching for the enemy in houses pockmarked by bullet holes - the kind of work her son has been training for.

The Lackeys live in suburban Chicago, but their story could be told from anywhere in the country. As accounts of the war and e soldiers fighting there dominate the headlines, there is a quieter story for more than 1 million National Guard and Reserve - waiting and wondering troops if they'll be sent to Iraq. Or sent hack

They've put their lives on hold, put off college, buying homes and cars, knowing they could join nearly 186,000 of their Guard and Reserve colleagues now on active duty, more than 60,000 of whom are in Iraq or Afghanistan.

They've said their goodbyes only to be told at the last minute they're not going anywhere - not yet, anyway - as their families brace for their deployment

Kevin Lackey, 20, said his com-

was going to be activated and deployed to Iraq this fall, "They told us to make our wills, tell f members to have a life without you and life with you in a combat zone. Then that fell through. "It's like a roller coaster," said

Theresa Lackey. That's particularly true during the holidays, which she suspects will be her son's last at home before he ships

Matt Comeaux also uses "roller coaster" to describe the last few months. A sergeant in the Illinois National Guard, Comeaux said he learned last spring that his battalion was being activated this win-

Knowing he would be gone for 18 months, the 36-year-old divorced father moved out of the house he was renting and put his belongings in storage.

Such uncertainty is a reality of being at war, when needs for more troops can change rapidly, said Major Tim Franklin, spokesman for the Illinois Army National Guard. "Those decisions are made at the Pentagon and (U.S. Army Forces Command) based on the needs of commanders on the ground in Iraq," he said.

Comeaux isn't angry but de-

scribes the situation as "very emotional.

"It's up and down, not knowing what is going on." said Comeaux who is staying at a friend's house, living out of a suitcase

Comeaux said most of the guardsmen he knows don't want to go to Iraq, and some cringe when he calls to give them an update. But "they know that's their job," he said.



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## IN THE WORLD

# **Polls suggest lead for Ukraine opposition**



Observers, in the background, watch Sunday as a man casts his ballot at a polling station in Kiev, Ukraine. Rival candidates Viktor Yushchenko and Viktor Yanukovych faced off Sunday in a repeat election triggered by a fraudulent runoff vote and massive protests that resulted in an unprecedented third round in Ukraine's fiercely waged presidential contest. The vote is being monitored by 12,187 foreign observers from 43 international organizations and 31 countries.

KIEV, Ukraine - All three exit polls tracking Sunday's presidential election gave opposition candidate Viktor Yushchenko a commanding lead of at least 15 percentage points in Ukraine's presidential election

government-established and funded Ukrainian Institute of Social Research and Social Monitoring Center showed Yushchenko winning with 58.1 percent of the vote and Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych garnering 38.4 percent. The poll showed 3.5 percent of respondents voting for neither candidate, and the margin of error was 2 percent.

voters, polled in face-to-face interviews at 360 polling stations throughout Ukraine. The survey was sponsored by nine state academic organizations, including sociologists' associations and six universities.

The poll had a sample of 13,500

The Razumkov Center of Political Studies and Kiev International Institute of Sociology showed Yushchenko winning with 56.5 percent and Yanukovych collecting 41.3 percent of the vote, and 2.3 percent of voters choosing neither candidate.

The poll surveyed some 30,000

voters in 360 polling stations using anonymous questionnaires the respondents place in boxes. No margin of error was given.

The Razumkov Center receives funding from numerous Western institutions including NATO, the United Nations and the Soros

A third exit poll, by Frank Luntz, a pollster for the U.S. Republican Party, and Douglas Schoen, of the Washington-based market research company Penn, Schoen & Berland, showed Yushchenko winning with 56 to Yanukovych's 41 percent, Schoen said. Three percent voted against all and the margin of error was 2 per-

Their poll surveyed up to 10,000 voters on behalf of Ukraine's ICTV television, which is owned by outgoing President Leonid Kuchma's son-in-law Viktor Pinchuk

Exit polls during the first two rounds of the election showed widely varying results, prompting questions about their validity.

All sides hoped the repeat election would resolve Ukraine's fiercely waged presidential con test after fraud wrecked one vote and prompted massive protests that deeply divided the nation.

The vote is momentous for Ukraine, a nation of 48 million people caught between an eastward-expanding European Union and an increasingly assertive Russia, its former imperial and Soviet-era master.

At the protest tent camp in Kiev that the opposition has maintained for over a month, hundreds of Yushchenko supporters were confident the vote would bring victory.

"Soon no more of this," said Valeriy Demyanenko, 55-year-old who came from southern Ukraine to join the tent camp. as he sipped his morning coffee.

Kuchma said he cast his hallot hoping the results will stick. "In my opinion, the one who loses should call and congratulate the winner ... and put an end to this prolonged election campaign."

Yushchenko, a former Central Bank chief and prime minister. wants to bring Ukraine closer to the West, while the Kremlin-backed Yanukovych, the current prime minister, emphasizes tightening the Slavic country's ties with Russia as a means to maintaining stability.

The vote has thrown a spotlight on Ukrainians' starkly differing views of how to bring their nation into the 21st century.

## Japan mourns death of Princess Kikuko, age 92

TOKYO - Hundreds of mourners paid their final respects Sunday to Princess Kikuko, the emperor's aunt who was seen as one of the most progressive members of Japan's tradition-bound royal

Kikuko, also known as Princess Takamatsu, died earlier this month at age 92. Media reports cited blood poisoning as the

White-robed Shinto priests bowed as her coffin was carried out of her home to a hearse and transported to Tokyo's Toshimagaoka cemetery.

Crown Prince Naruhito, his wife Masako, Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and other dignitaries gathered for the ceremony, which was attended by more than 560 people, said Imperial Household Agency spokesman Takamit-

Emperor Akihito and Empress

vice, as is customary. On Saturday, they visited the princess' home to pay their respects, said

Later, as the event was opened to the public, an additional 1,300 mourners filed into the cemetery prior to the cremation and en-

Kikuko was the widow of the late Emperor Hirohito's younger brother Takamatsu and the granddaughter of Yoshinobu Tokugawa, Japan's last shogun, or feudal

She was seen as one of the most progressive members of Japan's imperial family.

After her husband died of lung cancer in 1987. Kikuko asked doctors to perform an autopsy and publicly disclose the results, causing a stir.

In 1995, she chose to publish his diaries, which were written before and during World War II and contained criticism of Japan's wartime military

She also openly called for legal changes to allow females to as-Chrysanthemum the Throne.

Japan's imperial family is facing its most serious succession crisis in centuries, and there is strong public support to one day let 3-year-old Princess Aiko, Naruhito's daughter, take the throne

Kikuko had no children.





Above: Japan's Crown Prince Naruhito, right, and Crown Princess Masako, second right, mourn Sunday with Prince Akishino, center, Princess Kiko, second left, and Princess Sayako during a funeral ceremony for late Princess Kikuko, an aunt of Emperor Akihito, at a Tokyo cemetery. Princess Kikuko died on Dec. 18 in Tokyo at the age of 92. Left: Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi bows to pay his respects during the funeral of Princess Kikuko.

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# Israeli settlement agrees to be first to move under plan

The Associated Press

PEAT SADEH, Gaza Strip -Residents of a small Jewish settlement said Sunday they have reached a deal to move together to a village inside Israel, becoming the first

community to agree to be evacuated under the government's Gaza withdrawal



gave an imnortant boost to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who faces staunch opposition from settler leaders to his plan to pull out of the Gaza Strip and a part of the West Bank next year

Also Sunday, Sharon's Cabinet approved a package of measures meant to facilitate upcoming Palestinian presidential elections, granting Palestinians freedom of movement and allowing candidates to campaign in disputed east Jerusalem.

Yonatan Bassi, director of the government administration overseeing the Gaza pullout, said the deal with the residents of Peat Sadeh was reached last week

He said the settlement's 20 families, joined by five families from other settlements, would move to Mavkiim, a farming village near the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon, beginning in March.

Although the deal affects a tiny percentage of the 8,200-member settler community of Gaza, it was the first sign of a crack in the setleadership's campaign against the withdrawal

Residents of Peat Sadeh, an upscale farming village overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, said they did not want to leave, but they would go if parliament gives final approval to the withdrawal. Bassi said a vote is expected in

## Abbas takes conciliatory tack following aggressive speech

RAMALLAH, West Bank Interim Palestinian leader Mah-moud Abbas said Sunday that it 'unacceptable" to use arms to achieve Palestinian indepen-

The conciliatory tone of Abbas' speech to some 200 Palestinian businessmen contrasted with the tougher stance he took Saturday when he launched his presidential campaign. Abbas is the front-runner in the Jan. 9 vote.

In Saturday's speech to hun dreds of supporters from the ruling Fatah party, Abbas por-trayed himself as the heir to Yasser Arafat, the longtime Palestinian leader who died in a French hospital on Nov. 11. Many relatives of prisoners and Palestinians killed in fighting with Israel were in the audi ence.

But Sunday, Abbas didn't mention Arafat's name, stressing that the Palestinians must

el's occupation of the Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem through peaceful means

"We want an independent Pal-estinian state living in peace, side-by-side with Israel, and we want the occupation that began in 1967 to end." Abbas said.

"The only choice before us is the path of peace," Abbas said. "Using weapons is impossible and unacceptable and reflects hadly on us.

Abbas has spoken out against the use of arms and militant groups, but he shied away from the issue during his speech on Saturday

Israeli officials have signaled they are ready to work with Abbas, whom they consider a moderate. Israel refused to deal with Arafat, accusing him of supporting violence. Israeli officials reacted coolly

to Saturday's speech, expecting to hear Abbas speak in the more pragmatic tones they are accustomed to hearing.

"It hurts us to leave the place, but we have no choice," said Nis san Matuk, a 21-year-old resident, sitting atop his horse.

The settlement is dotted with single-family homes. Mercedes cars, manicured gardens, date palms and greenhouses. A number of homes, however, were never sold are now used by Israe. li soldiers guarding the area.

Sharon has said the continued occupation of Gaza, which is home to 1.3 million Palestinians. is untenable, and the Gaza pullout will help protect Israel.

Jewish settlements are attacked by Palestinian militants almost daily, although Peat Sadeh residents said their community has been spared the violence.

"At least I'll go together with

my friends, but I'm not happy about it at all," said Vicki Sabaj, 56, a mother of three who has lived in the area for 14 years.

"My kids grew up here. It's a lot of memories. I don't think a home is just walls," she said.

While the Peat Sadeh deal is the first under the government's withdrawal plan, Bassi said officials are negotiating with a "great number" of settlers willing to leave. He declined to give specific numbers.

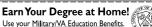
Settler spokesman Eran Sternberg disputed Bassi's claim, saving the vast majority of settlers remain opposed to the withdrawal.

Leaders of the settler movement have called on their followers to resist the pullout plan, although they have stopped short of calling for violence

#### Hitting the high seas



Leading yachts Skandia, right, Konica Minolta, left, and Brindabella, back, line up Sunday to start the Sydney to Hobart yacht race in Sydney Harbour, Australia. The 630-nautical mile race is in its 60th year.



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## U.S. Army to participate in Indian air show

By S. SRINIVASAN The Associated Press

BANGALORE. India - U.S. military aircraft will take part in an Indian air show next year for the first time in another sign of improving defense relations between the two nations, an official said Friday.

"We are going to have Americans here. That's a big change," Wing Commander S.P. Singh, head of an Indian air force base in Bangalore, told report-

A U.S. Army helicopter will take part in aerobatic display at Aero India, a biannual event to be orga-nized by India's Defense Ministry during Feb. 9-13, while Lockheed Martin Corp. will display its F-16

A number of U.S. companies including Boeing and Northrop also will showcase their products, scouting for business opportunities in India for both military and civil aircraft, Singh said.

There was no official participation from the United States in the previous two editions of Aero India, following economic sanctions imposed by the Unit-

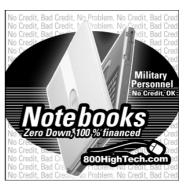
ed States after India's nuclear tests in May 1998. Though several U.S. companies took part in those shows, no deal for military aircraft or equipment could be struck due to the cumbersome procedures stipulated by the sanctions

The United States has since removed the sanc-

Chiefs of air staff from 11 countries including China, Germany and Japan will visit the show, in which 78 companies from 25 countries have con-

firmed participation, Singh said. India will seek customers for its fighter aircraft, multipurpose helicopter and a jet trainer, all de-

signed by state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. About 70 percent of India's military hardware is of Russian origin, but the Asian country has been looking to other countries in recent years for buying defense equipment.



#### Exiled former president of Peru vows return in '06

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil - Alberto Fujimori, the former president of Peru now in exile in Japan, said he will run for president in 2006, the Estado de S. Paulo newspaper reported Sunday

In an e-mail interview, Fuilmori said he will return to Peru and run for president in 2006.

"The people are inviting me and I will be by their side to campaign in the 2006 elections." Fuilmort told Estado.

Indeed, he enjoys the support of the Peruvian people

A recent poll by Datum put Fujimori, who was president of Peru from 1990 to 2000, in first place with 24 percent of the vote. His closest

rival is Alan Garcia, who was president of Peru from 1985 to 1990.

"I always maintained a high level of approval during my presidencv." Fujimori told Estado. "The 10 years flew by, but it was marked by an improvement in basic infrastructure that positively changed the lives of the Peruvian people," he said.

#### Marxist rebels kidnap tourists in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia - Marxist rebels have abducted at least eight Colombian tourists celebrating Christmas at a lakeside spa in the northwest, officials said Saturday.

Fighters of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, raided a cluster of bungalows late Friday near San Rafael, 140 miles northwest of Bogota, and herded between 8 to 10 vacationers into vehicles, Jorge Mejia, deputy governor of Antioquia state, told The Associ-

ated Press.
"Unfortunately, witnesses did not report the kidnapping to authorities until late today, so the guerrillas have had plenty of time to reach their hideouts deep in the mountains," Mejia said.

He said army troops and police supported by helicopters are search-

#### Several killed in huge riot in China

HONG KONG - Several people were killed and dozens were injured in a riot triggered when police allegedly beat to death a resident in southern China, newspapers reported Sunday

The reports in Hong Kong's Wen Wei Po and Apple Daily newspapers differed widely over the size of the mob and what led to the clash Saturday in Da Lang village in Guangdong province. Wen Wei Po said nearly 50,000 people faced off against hundreds of

police officers after security forces beat to death a relative of a student

injured in a traffic accident following a dispute over compensation. The Apple Daily, meanwhile, said about 1,000 people rioted after security officials beat to death a 15-year-old boy for stealing a bicycle.

#### Officials to submit anti-Taiwan-secession law

BEIJING - Top Chinese lawmakers agreed Sunday to submit a proposed anti-secession law to the full legislature early next year, legal maneuver aimed at pushing self-ruling Taiwan to unite with the communist mainland.

The lawmakers described the law as "extremely necessary "very timely" at their discussions Sunday attended by legislative chairman Wu Bangguo, who is China's No. 2 leader by rank, the government's Xinhua News Agency reported.

Taiwan contends the law could serve as a pretext for a military at-

Leaders of the National People's Congress, China's lawmaking body, "unanimously" suggested the full congress deliberate on the law when it meets next year, Xinhua said.





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# Karzai appoints two warlords to influential governorships

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan - Afghan president Hamid Karzai on Sunday appointed two warlords. formerly in his Cabinet, to influential governor-

shins in an attempt keep the strongmen happy - but out of his central government





was named governor of southern Kandahar province, a post he controlled once before. Sayed Hussain Anwari, the former agriculture minister, was named governor of Kabul province, which encompasses the capital city.

The appointments were announced Sunday in a presidential

Karzai had sacked the two

Defense Minister Mohammed Fahim, as part of a sweeping Cabinet reshuffle on Thursday, earning praise for kicking gunslingers out of his government in favor of professionals

A presidential spokesman, Khaleeq Ahmed, said the men had been effective ministers and were dismissed only because they lacked the university degrees now constitutionally reguired for all Cabinet members.

"They were qualified people, but unfortunately because of all the warfare in Afghanistan, people who chose jihad did not finish their education," he said. "But we wanted to promote them and keep them in the government so they could continue their good work.

The gubernatorial appointments are likely to stir unease among human rights groups, who claim the warlords abuse rights and don't abide dissent.

Ironically, many of the strongmen in Karzai's former Cabinet had been pressured to take the them off from their regional power bases, under a U.S.-backed program.

But with international sentiment shifting to the importance of creating a clean, professional Cabinet, some of them are being sent back.

More than three years after coming to power, the central government still relies on private armies to help control the vast, lawless countryside. Karzai must walk a political tightrope, keeping the strongmen in check without alienating them.

Fahim, a major Tajik strongman and the head of the northern alliance that helped the United States oust the Taliban in 2001, is still without a new job. There is talk, however, that he is likely to be offered a post as security adviser to the president - a non-Cabinet position that would skirt the education requirement.

In other news, former Central Bank adviser Noorullah Dilawari was named to head the bank, replacing Anwar ul-Hag Ahadi. who took over as Finance Minis-

## Saudi Arabia bans key Islamic charity

BY ABDULLAH AL-SHIHRI

The Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia - Saudi authorities have banned a major charity group in a continuing crackdown on funds suspected of financing terror groups. officials said Sunday.

The Administration of Mosques and Charity Projects was shut down and ordered to halt all its activities, the officials said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

"The decision was made to control the charities and prevent the ill-motivated from penetrating them," they said.

They said the ban was imposed upon "official request" but declined to say who had requested the shutdown.

The charity claims to have built some 1,500 schools since it started was organized in 1990. Its other main tasks is to finance preachers and print Islamic publications

Saudi Arabia has cracked down on charities suspected of funneling money to terrorists, including

strict oversight to ensure the money is not misdirected for terror activities, and has sought to quiet some prominent clerics known for anti-Western sermons. It has set up a joint counterterrorism task force with the United States, comprising law enforcement officials and officials from various agencies in both countries

In June, the Saudi government dissolved Al-Haramain Islamic Foundation, one of the biggest charities in the oil-rich kingdom, after complaints from the United States and other countries that it is suspected of bankrolling al-Qaida, the terror network

The Saudi government said it had no evidence that the charity was financing terrorism but it called the measure "correctional."

Washington ordered U.S. banks to block the assets of the five branches and those belonging to Aqeel Abdulaziz al-Aqil, Al-Haramain's former leader. The U.S. government accused the branches and al-Aqil of providing "financial, material and logistical support" to al-Qaida, bin Laden and the Taliban, the former rulers of Afghanistan.



# Massive quake, tsunamis kill thousands in Asia

## More than 11,300 dead in disaster

BY DILIP GANGULY

The Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Tidal waves from a massive undersea earthquake smashed into coast-lines across Asia, washing away whole villages in Indonesia, Sri Lanka and India and dragging sunbathers out to sea and snorkelers across jagged reefs at tourist havens in Thailand. More than 11,300 people were killed in seven countries.

The death toll from the most powerful earthquake in four decades climbed steadily throughout Sunday as authorities counted bodies washed up on beaches and left hanging like rag dolls from trees.

Foreign tourists were among the dead and the thousands of others who were reported missing. Tens of thousands fled the coasts for higher ground, fearing aftershocks and further flood surges.

Worst hit was Sri Lanka — an island nation some 1,000 miles were of the epicenter. The death toll stood at 4,500, according to police and Tamil Tiger rebels, and 1 million people were displaced. Sri Lanka's government declared a national disaster.

The 9.0-magnitude earthquake—the strongest since a 9.2 magnitude temblor in Alaska in 1964—struck just before 7 a.m. off the west coast of the Indonesian island of Sunatra, about 1,000 miles northwest of Jakarta, the capital, the U.S. Geological Survey said. It was 6 miles deep, and was followed by a half-dozen powerful aftersbocks, ranging in mag-



obotos

Residents carry a body of a victim after tidal waves hit following an earthquake in Lhokseumawe, Aceh province. Indonesia. Sunday.

nitude from almost 6 to 7.3.

Traveling at nearly jettiner speeds, the first huge waves began pummeling southern Thai-land an hour after the quake. In 2½ hours, the torrents had traveled some 1,000 miles and slammed India and Sri Lanka. They eventually struck the East Africa coast in Somalia, killing at least nine neonle.

Towns in Sumatra's Aceh province, the closest region to the earthquake's epicenter, were swamped by the waves. The health ministry said at least 4,185 people were killed, and hundreds more were missing in the area.

The quake occurred at a place where several huge geological plates push against each other with massive force. The survey said a 620-mile section along the boundary of the plates shifted, motion that triggered the sudden displacement of a huge volume of water.

The reverberations sent waves as high as 20 feet thundering into

the coasts of six countries, sweeping away tourists, fishermen, hotels, homes and cars.

"Suddenly this huge wave came, rushing down the beach, destroying everything in its wake," said Simon Clark, 29, a photographer from London vacationing on Thailand's Ngai island.

"People that were snorkeling were dragged along the coral and washed up on the beach, and people that were sunbathing got washed into the sea."

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Left: Residents are evacuated using a police truck after tidal waves hit the town of Lhokseumawe, Aceh province, Indonesia.

Above: Lhokseumawe residents stand on a flooded street. Tidal waves swamped Indonesian towns near the epicenter of Sunday's massive undersea earthquake, killing thousands of people and leaving bodies wedged in trees as the waters receded, officials and witnesses said.

### Affected nations not in tsunami warning system

BY JOSEPH B. VERRENGIA

The catastrophic death toll in Asia caused by a massive tsunami might have been reduced had India and Sri Lanka been part of an international warning system designed to warn coastal communities about potentially deadly waves, scientists say.

More than 5,000 people in India and Sri Lanka were among at least 11,300 people killed after being hit by walls of water triggered by a tremendous earthquake early Sunday off Sumatra.

off Sumatra. The warning system is designed to alert nations that potentially destructive waves may hit their coastlines within three to 14 hours. Scientists said seismic networks record-de Sunday's massive earth-quake, but without wave sensors in the region, there was no way to determine the direction a tsunami would travel.

A single wave station south of the earthquake's epicenter registered tsunami activity less than 2 feet high heading south toward Australia, researchers said.

The international warning system was started in 1965, the year after tsunamis associated with a magnitude 9.2 temblor struck Alaska in 1964. It is administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Member states include all the major Pacific rim nations in North America, Asia and South America, was well as the Pacific islands, Australia and New Zealand. It also includes France, which has sovereignty over some Pacific islands, and Russia.

#### **Bush's condolences**

CRAWFORD, Texas — President Bush expressed his condolences Sunday to the victims of the massive earthquake and tidal waves that hit southern and southeast Asia. Officials said U.S. relief

efforts already were under way.
"The United States stands
ready to offer all appropriate assistance to those nations most affected," deputy presidential press
secretary Trent Duffy said in a
statement.

The statement, issued aboard Air Force One en route to Texas from Washington, said "the president expresses his sincere condelences" over the "terrible loss of life and suffering" caused by the earthquake and tidal waves that hit seven countries.

The statement said U.S. relief efforts were already under way to help people in Sri Lanka and the Maldives, a string of 1,192 coral atolls off the southwestern coast

From The Associated Press



A man walks through debris caused by the tidal wave that hit Kata beach in Phuket, Thailand, on Sunday. The most powerful earthquake in 40 years triggered massive tidal waves that slammed into coastlines across Asia on Sunday, killing more than 11,300 people in Sri Lanka, Indonesia, India, Malaysia and Thailand.

## Deadly earthquake takes its toll on tourists in Thailand

By SUTIN WANNABOVORN The Associated Press

PHUKET, Thailand -- Thousands of tourists were lazing on Thailand's renowned white sand beaches Sunday morning when an earthquake-driven tidal wave turned their tropical vacations into a holiday of terror, sweeping people, bungalows, boats and cars out to sea.

At least 289 people were killed and 3,675 injured by the rushing water, which struck at the peak of the tourist season when holiday-makers — especially from Europe - come to this Southeast Asian country to escape frigid winters.

The Health Ministry's disaster center has not issued numbers of foreigners among the victims, but according to media reports and the Thai Foreign Ministry tourists missing, injured or dead include nationals of South Korea, Japan, Germany, South Africa, Hong Kong, Britain, Denmark, Australia, Malaysia, Mexico, Russia, Sweden and the United States

The toll might have been even higher, but the beaches were relatively uncrowded when the 16- to 33-foot waves struck around breakfast time. Many visitors were still sleeping off Christmas festivities when they heard shouting and screaming

"Initially we just heard a bang, a really loud bang," said Gerrard Donnelly of Britain, a guest at Phuket island's Holiday Inn. "Then Emily, my wife, went out onto the balcony and people were just run-

"We initially thought it was a terrorist attack, then the wave came and we just kept running upstairs to get on as high ground as we could." he told Britain's Sky News.

"Suddenly this huge wave came, rushing down the beach, destroying everything in its wake," said Simon Clark, 29, a photographer from London vacaBarton, 25, also of London.

The waves were triggered by a 9.0-magnitude un dersea quake — the world's most powerful in 40 years — off the Indonesian island of Sumatra. The tidal waves struck as far away as India and Sri

Lanka, where thousands died. In Thailand, probably Asia's most popular holiday destination at this time of year, tourists desperate to leave the stricken islands were stranded by rough seas on well-known resort islands such as Phi Phi and Phuket.

The waves swept people trying to flee to higher ground off their motorbikes, and pushed cars down the streets like toys, witnesses said. But after the initial shock, there was little to do except observe the aftermath of nature's force.

On Phuket, Somboon Wangnaitham, deputy director of the Wachira Hospital, said one of the worst hit areas was the populous Patong beach, where at least

32 people died and 500 were injured.
One survivor was Natalia Moyano, 22, of Sydney,
Australia, one of the 117 patients — including 29 foreigners - in Wachira Hospital following the disaster. She was being treated for torn ligaments.

"The water kept rising. It was very slow at first, then all of a sudden, it went right up," said Moyano. "At first I didn't think there was any danger, but when I realized the water kept rising so quickly, I tried to jump over a fence, but it broke.'

The U.S. Embassy in Bangkok did not have an estimate for the number of American tourists in Thailand, or for those killed or injured Sunday

'That's something the embassy is trying to track but lots and lots of people are missing, and people who were killed were on the beach in swimsuits and didn't have ID on them," an embassy spokeswoman

said on condition of anonymity. Alisa Tang and Rungrawee C. Pinyorat of The Associated Press contributed to this report in Bangkok.

least 20,000 people were evacuated from the region, officials said. At least 300 people were killed

police chief as saying.

"I was shocked to see innumera

In Malaysia, at least 42 people,

## **Quake:** Tsunamis hit at least 7 countries

"All the planet is vibrating" from the quake, Enzo Boschi, the head of Italy's National Geophys-ics Institute, told Italian state

He likened its power to a mil-lion atomic bombs the size of those dropped on Japan in World War II, and said the shaking was so powerful it even disturbed the Earth's rotation.

In India, the waves swept away boats, homes and vehicles, killing

nearly 2,300 people. Tamil Nadu's beaches resembled open-air mortuaries as fishermen's hodies washed ashore and retreating waters left behind others killed inland. Sea water flooded the streets of Cuddalore town, flipping over dozens of cars leaving some vehicles perched atop road dividers. At

on India's Andaman and Nicobar islands, and another 700 were missing and believed dead, Press Trust of India cited the region's

ble fishing boats flying on the shoulder of the waves, going back and forth into the sea, as if made of paper," said P. Ramanamurthy, 40, an Andhra Pradesh resi-

including foreign tourists swim-

#### Earthquakes' deadly toll

Farthquakes are one of the most deadly natural disasters and can daim lives by the thousands. The earthquake that hit Sunday has killed several thousand.

Deadly earthquakes, since 1902

DATE	LOCATION	DEATHS
1976	China	255,000
1920	China	200,000
1927	China	200,000
1923	Japan	143,000
1948	Turkmenistan	110,000
1908	Italy	70,000*
1932	China	70,000
1970	Peru	66,000
1990	Iran	40,000*
	Pakistan	30,000*
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SOURCE: U.S. Geological Survey

ming or riding jetskis, were killed on the resort island of Penang, police and government officials said.

The force of the earthquake shook unusually far afield, causing buildings to sway hundreds of miles away, from Singapore to the city of Chiang Mai in northern Thailand, and in Bangladesh, hours after the region's Christian communities had finished Christmas celebrations.



A vehicle lies on its side in front of a Starbucks shop after the area was hit by tidal waves at Patong beach in Phuket, Thailand, on Sunday.

## European leaders call for aid for earthquake victims

BY FRANCES D'EMILIO

The Associated Press

ROME - Pope John Paul II appealed for swift international aid to help thousands of victims from Sunday's massive tidal waves that swamped coastal areas across southern Asia - triggered by the world's most powerful earthquake in 40 years.

During his customary Sunday noon ap pearance from his window overlooking St. Peter's Square, John Paul prayed for victims of the 9.0-magnitude quake near the Indonesian island of Sumatra and the resulting tidal waves.

"The Christmas holiday has been saddened by the news that comes from Southeast Asia about the powerful earthquake which struck Indonesia, with consequences in other countries, including Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia and the Maldives."

"We hope that the international community acts to bring relief to the stricken populations," the pontiff said.

In Brussels, European Union Humanitarian Aid Commissioner Luis Michel said it was important to deliver aid "in those vital hours and days immediately after the disaster." The 25-nation EII will deliver \$4 million in emergency aid as a start.

British consular officials were called from vacation and aid efforts were being organized.

In Paris French President Jacques Chirac sent a letter expressing his sympathy and the solidarity of France to the presi dent of Sri Lanka, where some hundreds

were killed and a million others displaced by waves that slammed coastlines

In Austria, relief officials and charities such as Caritas and Volkshilfe issued a broad and urgent appeal for cash dona-

Russian President Vladimir Putin sent his condolences to leaders of India, Indone-sia, Thailand and Sri Lanka.

German President Horst Koehler sent his condolences to the leaders of the stricken countries and Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer said Germany was ready to offer

## IN THE STATES

# Holiday air travel turns into nightmare

## Computer glitch cancels Comair flights; US Airways loses track of piles of luggage

HEBRON, Kv. - Days of bad weather, a computer malfunction and sick airline emees put tens of thousands of travelers in holiday limbo Saturday, with Comain canceling all its flights and US Airways trying to reconnect thousands of pieces of luggage with their owners.

Throngs of waiting passengers milled about at Comair's hub at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, At Philadelphia International Airport, several hundred people stood in long lines at sparsely staffed US Airways check-in counters and piles of suitcases were scattered throughout the baggage claim area.

On Sunday, Comair, a Delta Air Lines subsidiary, operated 110 to 165 flights, or 10 to 15 percent of its normal flight schedule, said Nick Miller, spokesman for the Delta subsidiary based at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport.

"We anticinate Comair will be able to on erate on a full schedule by Wednesday," he said. "That is our goal."

Comair canceled all its 1,100 flights on Saturday because computer problems knocked out its system that manages flight assignments. The cancellations affected 30,000 travelers in 118 cities, he said

The situation is still pretty fluid. Our goal is to operate as many flights as possible." said Miller

Comair's computer system that manages flight assignments crashed Friday night after it was overwhelmed by cancellations and delays caused by the winter storm that socked the Ohio Valley. The computer shutdown forced the airline to cancel all of its Saturday flights.

Miller said technicians were continuing to repair the computer system.

"Obviously, we're working to get as much of the schedule back up and run-

ning," he said US Airways, meanwhile, had passengers



Luggage is piled up in the US Airways terminal at Philadelphia International Airport in Philadelphia on Friday.

and thousands of pieces of luggage stranded at Philadelphia International Airport for the third day in a row.

Bleary-eved John Price watched Saturday as airport workers sorted piles of unclaimed bags — none of them the suitcase full of presents for relatives he had checked on his Phoenix-to-Philadelphia flight Friday.

"I can't show up empty-handed. That just doesn't cut it," he said.

The airline blamed the canceled flights including 143 on Saturday — and bag gage backups on severe weather Thursday compounded by record numbers of employees calling in sick, according to a company statement.

Systemwide, the airline canceled 80 flights Saturday and 176 flights Friday, airline spokeswoman Amy Kudwa said.

Spokespeople for the International Asso ciation of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, which represents US Airways baggage handlers, and the Association of Flight Attendants said they had not organized any

"There is no union action. It's poor management planning that's my opinion We

have sick calls every single year around the holiday," said Teddy Xidas, president of Association of Flight Attendants Local 40 in Pittsburgh.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta has directed senior officials to talk with US Airways management about problems at the airport, Transportation Department spokesman Robert Johnson said

Philadelphia is a US Airways hub, but the baggage backups extended to other East Coast airports.

In Virginia, hundreds of unclaimed bags from US Airways flights were piled at Rich mond International Airport and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

Shirley Malaye flew from Philadelphia to Florida on Saturday to be with relatives, but when she arrived in Tampa she discov ered her luggage wasn't on the US Airways plane with her. She waited for two more flights from Philadelphia, but her luggage was on neither

"They ruined everybody's Christmas, said Malave, who lives near Tom's River,

She was offered a \$50 stinend to him clothes, but on Christmas Day, "good luck trying to find something open," she said. "I have no clothes. Nothing.

Extra flights carrying nothing but lug gage were scheduled to fly from Philadelphia to the airline's bag processing facility in Charlotte, N.C., where workers could help process bags more quickly, Kudwa

In Tampa and Miami, baggage delays on Delta flights also were reported. The airline did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Struggling US Airways, bankrupt for the second time in two years, says it needs to drastically cut labor costs if it is to survive beyond mid-January, when its interim fi-nancing arrangement with the federal government's Air Transportation Stabilization Board is set to expire

## Strangers prevent Grinch from stealing Christmas

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Pvt. Jeremiah Jensen on leave from Iraq, had his car stolen at gunpoint just days before Christmas.

Pfc. Robert Ruiz was injured by a booby trap in Iraq a few days after Christmas last year.

For both Albuquerque soldiers, ill holiday fortune turned to hope and joy thanks to strangers who reached out to them this year.

Jensen, 21, drove 1,300 miles from Fort Campbell, Ky., to Albuquerque Dec. 18 to spend the holiday with his family. Four days later, his red 1998 Pontiac Grand Prix, loaded with Christmas gifts, was stolen outside a restaurant by a man who threatened Jensen and his girlfriend with a rifle.

Jensen had reduced the insurance on the vehicle while he was deployed and had not yet reinstated the coverage.

"I didn't know what I was going to do, honestly," Jensen told the Albuquerque Journal for a Saturd story. He must report back to Fort Campbell Jan. 4.

Sheriff Darren White, an Army veteran, took Jensen shopping Thursday evening to replace some of the stolen Christmas gifts

"I told him, and this is really important, 'This is not an act of charity, it's an expression of grati-

got out about Jensen's situation, automobile dealerships, restaurants and at least 25 individuals made donations totaling more than \$5,000 by Friday

"We're going to raise enough money to buy him another car." White said. "This is vintage New Mexico and, really, what the spirit of Christmas is all

Ruiz, 28, is undergoing rehabilitation for injuries to his foot and back after he was injured last December by a booby trap while on patrol in Iraq.

A father of three, Ruiz wanted a motorcycle but e and his wife were buying a house and Andrea Ruiz said she wanted to save money.

"I finally gave in and just wrote (the local Harley dealer) to see if they had any financing options avail able," she said.

Dealership owner Chick Hancock said after learning of Ruiz's plight, he and his employees decided to get Ruiz a Harley for free

"Here's a guy who is 28 years old with a wife and three kids who wanted to do right by our country, Hancock said.

Ruiz, wearing his dress uniform, limped into the Harley shop on Christmas Eve to see his customized, infantry blue Harley-Davidson Sportster and was greeted with applause

"I told my dad I'd get a bike and we'd go riding to-gether," Ruiz said. "I never expected anything like

## Ice and snow hit the Carolinas hard

COLUMBIA, S.C. - Freezing rain and snow coated parts of the Carolinas on Sunday, knocking out power to thousands of customers and making highways slippery for after-Christmas shoppers.

A layer of ice one-quarter to one-half of an inch thick weighed down branches and power lines in South Carolina's Midlands and Pee Dee regions

Progress Energy spokeswoman Julie Hans said 18,000 homes and businesses had no electricity in Florence and Hartsville, and South Carolina Electric and Gas said 7,100 of its customers were blacked out, mostly in the southeast area of Columbia

Up to four inches of snow had fallen by late morning in North Carolina's eastern Piedmont and northern Coastal Plain.

The North Carolina Highway Patrol troop covering 14 central counties received reports of 180 accidents between midnight and about 10 a.m., more than five times the normal total for a regular Sunday, said patrol spokeswoman Patty McQuillan.

However, the cold and slippery roads didn't keep malls from opening in the Raleigh, N.C., area for shoppers looking for after-holiday bargains.

"We have the die-hard shoppers that are hitting the after-Christ-mas sales," said Pam Shaffer with Triangle Towne Center in north Raleigh. "It looks like they have a lot of bags in their hands."

And the gratitude didn't stop there: When word

# **Vigil to save church ends in arrests** | Immigrant bill may be



Churchgoers leave Christmas Day Mass at the Sacred Heart Church in Natick, Mass., where on Christmas Eve two parishioners attempting to start a vigil at the church were arrested and charged with trespassing.

# Man, woman jailed over closing of

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way Catholics

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BY BOB SALSBERG The Associated Press

NATICK, Mass. - Police arrested two parishioners who attempted a vigil to keep the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston from closing their 114-year-old parish, one of 83 churches slated to be shut down

Anne Green said she and Leo Rvan were handcuffed Christmas Eve at Sacred Heart Church. placed in the back of a cruiser

quarters, where were booked on trespassing charges and briefly

They were reearly Christmas morning with orders within 100 yards of the church, them keeping away from Christmas Mass on Saturday - a day be-

fore Sacred Heart is scheduled to shut down

usually conduct their business. I never thought it would come to

She and several other parishioners had staved in the church after the 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Late in the evening, two police officers told them to leave church or be arrested, and Green

continuing sure caused in part by the clergy

sex abuse crisis. Friday's incident in Natick is just the second time a church official has had a parishioner arrested amid the tension over church closures. A 69-year-old man was

> ing parish in Winchester early month. Charg-

Most parish-

to this. morning called Anne Green the incident un-

> House Republicans. "We were hoping it would be peaceful," said parishioner Paul Hegarty. "I have resigned myself sion that is growing deeper every minute," says Rep. Tom Tancre-do, R-Colo. He heads a group of to the fact that this church is clos-70 lawmakers who are against

ing. There is not enough people here who want to fight.' Of the parishioners who were arrested, Hegarty said, "God love them for trying.

O'Malley declined to answer questions as he left St. Francis House, a Boston homeless shelter, after helping serve Christmas dinner to residents

guest-worker proposal is "a pig with lipstick" and will not pass. Bush asserts that he won valuable "political capital" in the election and intends to spend it. It is not clear how much of that he is willing to spend on the immigra-Higher on his list of priorities is

tough fight

BY TOM RAUM

The Associated Press

Bush faces a major rebellion with

in his own party if he follows

through on a promise to push leg-islation that would offer millions

of illegal immigrants a path to U.S. citizenship.

Almost no issue divides Repub-

To get the guest-worker initia-tive through Congress, Bush will

need to go against the wishes of many Republicans and forge bi-partisan alliances. That's what

President Clinton did in 1993 to

win approval for a free trade

agreement with Mexico and Cana-

da, over the objections of a large bloc of congressional Democrats.

ing common ground between

those in favor of liberalized immi-

gration laws - Bush Sen John

McCain, R-Ariz., and California

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger for

example - and those who want

fewer immigrants, tougher bor-der controls and harsher penal-

Opposition is strongest among

"In our party, this is a deep divi-

said

easing immigration laws.

Tancredo

The chance seems slim for find-

licans as deeply.

WASHINGTON - President

for Bush

overhauling the Social Security system, rewriting the tax laws limiting lawsuit judgments and making his first-term tax cuts per-

An estimated 10 million immigrants live in the United States illegally; the vast majority are from Mexico, with an additional

million arriving every year.

A hint of the trouble ahead for Bush on immigration came this month when proposals to tighten

— not ease — border restrictions nearly undermined a bill to restructure U.S. intelligence agen-

The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee wanted the measure to bar states from giving a driver's license to illegal immi-

The president's plan would grant temporary-worker status, for three years to six years, to millions of undocumented workers. It also would it easier for those workers to get permanent U.S. citizenship.

Republican consultants sug-gest Bush will not make a big push for his immigration bill until he has achieved his goals on So cial Security and the tax laws. They also say the president may jettison the immigration bill if it would jeopardize other parts of

# 114-year-old Massachusetts parish

or consolidated by year's end.

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"This is not the way Catholics this," Green, 54, said Saturday.

and Rvan declined.

churches were around-the-clock vigils to stave off the closures, which Archbishop Sean O'Malley announced last spring as part of a reorganization plan. The move was in response to declining attendance, a shortage of priests and financial pres-

> arrested after refusing leave his clos-

es were eventu ally dropped.

ioners arriving for Mass Christmas fortunate and



Singer John Mayer was barred from a Hall of Fame ceremony at his high school in Connecticut due to security concerns. Mayer said the incident was "hurtful."

## The pair were protesting against the scheduled closing of the church.

FAIRFIELD, Conn. - Grammy Award-winner John Mayer returned to his alma mater to be inducted into its Hall of Fame and wound up in the headmaster's office.

The 27-year-old guitarist and singer, a 1995 graduate of Fairfield Warde High School, decided to attend the induction ceremony but was barred because of what school officials said were security concerns. They said they had not expected the pop star to attend.

"We were not ready for John Mayer," said Jim Conley, chairman of the school's Hall of Fame Maver said he was taken to the

headmaster's office where officials stalled him until the ceremony was under way and then walked him to his car

"It was hurtful," he said Thursday

Headmaster James Coyne said he explained to Mayer that he

was "concerned for his welfare and for the welfare of the students."

Mayer gets cold shoulder from alma mater

Coyne said the star wasn't escorted from the premises. "We ac-companied him to his car."

Mayer said he initially was not able to attend the ceremony, but changed his mind. He said he intended to donate a guitar he used

As he approached James Blake, a professional tennis playwho also was inducted with golfer J.J. Henry, a former teacher took Mayer by the arm and led him into Coyne's office, Mayer

"So there I was." Mayer said. "I could see James out there with his mom and the whole thing's going on and I'm in the office."

Mayer won a best male pop per-formance Grammy for the 2001 single "Your Body Is a Wonderland." This year, he's nominated in the same category and for song of the year for "Daughters," off album, "Heavier new

# **Conservative students vs. liberal professors**

## Latest battle in college education turns around old campus conflicts

BY JUSTIN POPE The Associated Press

BOSTON — At the University of North Carolina, three incoming freshmen sued over a reading assignment they say offended their Christian beliefs. In Colorado and Indiana, a national conservative group publicized student allegations of left-wing bias by professors.

Faculty at U.S. colleges have gotten hate mail and been pictured in mock "wanted" posters; at least one college said a teacher received a death threat. And at Columbia University in

And at Columbia University in New York, a documentary film alleging that teachers intimidate students who support Israel drew the attention of administrators. The three episodes differed in

important ways, but all touched on an issue of growing prominence on college campuses.

Traditionally, clashes over academic freedom have pitted point of administrators against in cians or administrators against in a structors who wanted to expensive their opinions and teach as they as saw fit. But increasingly, it is as who are invoking academic freedom, claiming biased profit of preedom, claiming biased profit of classroom free from indoctrination.

In many ways, the trend echoes

past campus conflicts — but turns them around.

Once, it was liberal campus ac-

tivists who cited the importance of "diversity" in pressing their agendas for curriculum change.

Now, conservatives have adopted much of the same language in calling for a greater openness to their viewpoints.

Similarly academic freedom guidelines have traditionally been cited to protect left-leaning students from punishment for disagreeing with teachers about such issues as American neutrality before World War II and U.S. involvement in Vietnam. Now, those same guidelines are being invoked by conservative students who support the war in Iraq.

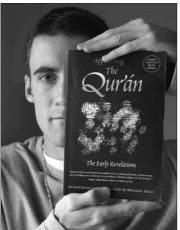
To many professors, there's a new and deeply troubling aspect to this latest chapter in the debate over academic freedom: students trying to dictate what they don't want to be taught.

Those behind the trend call it

Inose behind the trend call it an antidote to the overwhelming liberal dominance of university faculties. But many educators, while agreeing students should never feel bullied, worry that they just want to avoid exposure to ideas that challenge their core beliefs — an essential part of education.

Some educators also fear teachers will shy away from sensitive topics, or fend off criticism by "balancing" their courses with opposing viewpoints, even if they

represent inferior scholarship.
"Faculty retrench. They are



Kris Wampler, a University of North Carolina junior, holds a copy of "Approaching the Qur'an: The Early Revelations" in Chapel Hill, N.C. Wampler was one of the three students who sued the university in an effort to block the university's requirement that new students read the book about the Ouran.



AP priotos

Professor George Wolfe, who teaches peace studies at the Peace Studies Center at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., was targeted in a complaint by a student who supported the war in Iraq and believes Wolfe is anti-American. The school's provost sided with Wolfe.

less willing to discuss contemporary problems and I think everyone loses out," said Joe Losco, a professor of political science at Ball State University in Indiana who has supported two colleagues targeted for alleged bias.

"It puts a chill in the air." Conservatives say a chill is in

order.

A recent study by Santa Clara
University researcher Daniel
Klein estimated that among social science and humanities faculty members nationwide, Democrats outnumber Republicans by
at least seven to one; in

some fields it's as high as 30 to one. And in the last election, the two employers whose workers contributed the most to Sen. John Kery's presidential campaign were the University of California system and Harvard University.

Many teachers insist personal politics don't affect teaching.

But in a recent survey of students at 50 top schools by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, a group that has argued there is too little intellectual diversity on campuses, 49 percent reported at least some professors frequently comented on politics in class even if it was outside the subject matter.

Thirty-one percent said they felt there were some courses in which they needed to agree with a professor's political or social views to get a good grade.

Leading the movement for the conservative viewpoint is the group Students for Academic Freedom, with chapters on 135 campuses and close ties to David Horowitz, a one-time liberal campus activist turned conservative commentator. The group posts student complaints on its Web site about alleged episodes of

grading bias and unbalanced, anti-American propaganda by professors — often in classes, such as literature, in which it's off-topic.

Instructors "need to make students aware of the spectrum of scholarly opinion," Horowitz said. "You can't get a good education if you're only getting half the story."

Conservatives claim they are discouraged from expressing their views in class, and are even blackballed from graduate school slots and jobs.

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"I feel like [faculty] are so disaconnected from students hat they do these things and they can just get away with them," said Kris Wampler, who recently pubicley identified himself as one of the students who sued the University of North Carolina. Now a junior, he objected when all incomcomplete the control of the contro

"A lot of students feel like they're being discriminated against," he said.

So far, his and other efforts are having mixed results. At UNC, the students lost their legal case, but the university no longer uses the word "required" in describing the reading program for incoming students (the plaintiffs' main objection).

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In Colorado, conservatives withdrew a legislative proposal for alreademic bill of rights' backed by Horowitz, but only after state universities agreed to adopt its principles. Horowitz and backers of the academic bill of rights plan to introduce it in the Indiana legislature — as well as in up to 20 other states.

At Ball State, the school's provost sided with Professor George Wolfe after a student published complaints about Wolfe's peace studies course, but the episode has attracted local attention.

AT Columbia, amusished AT Columbia, and AT Columbia, and a series of AT Columbia, and a series of the AT Columbia, and a series of a film by an advocacy group called The David Project that alleged some faculty violated students' rights by using the classroom as a platform for anti-Israeli political propagnada (one Israeli student claimed a professor taunted him by asking. 'How many Palestimians did you kill?'). Parting up a new committee to investigate students' compaints.

In the wider debate, both sides cite the guidelines on academic freedom first set out in 1915 by the American Association of University Professors

The students demanding greater conservative injuri emphasize er the portion calling on teachers to "set forth justly ... the divergent opinions of other investigators." But many teachers note the guidelines also say instructors need not "hide (their] own opinions under a mountain of equivocal verbiage," and that their job is teaching students "to think for them-

# College Republicans' fund raising under fire

THOMAS B. EDSALL

WASHINGTON — The College Republican National Committee is under fire for using front organizations to collect millions of dollars in contributions, including money from elderly people with

dementia.

During the 2004 campaign, the group sent out direct mail solicitations under such letterheads as "Republican Headquarters 2004" and "Republican Election Com-

One four-page letter asked pros-

an American flag pin for President Bush to wear to "Republican Headquarters" to ensure that Bush knows "there are millions who are giving him the shield of God to protect him in the difficult days ahead." In small print at the bottom of one page, the letter notes: "A project of and paid for by College Republican National Committee."

Many donors complained that they thought the money was going directly to the Republican Party, and not to the college group, which no longer is affiliated with the GOP. The controversy over sponses from leaders of state College Republican chapters, including those in Washington state, North Carolina and New York. The University of Washington College Republicans approved a resolution calling on Eric Hoplin, chairman of the national committee, "to take full responsibility, for the college Republicans and the college Republicans have substantially harmed the College Republicans grass-roots organization and

"promptly resign."

Dan Centinello, New York College Republicans chairman, complained that the national leaders

sive action to correct the situation. "I don't want to see hard work of all of us be tarnished by a fundraising scandal," he said.

Internal disputes over fundraising tactics have been brewing among the College Republican groups for at least three years, but they surfaced in late October, after publication of damaging news reports in the Seattle Times and the Durham Herald-Sun.

The Times reported that a number of elderly donors gave far more money than they could afford. In the immediate aftermath, Hoplin e-mailed top state officials

not to speak to the news media. "We need the story to go away," he wrote. "The story is full of lies and distortions written by a well-known liberal who is out to get us. If the press asks you about it, tell them you have no com-

ment."

He told the Minneapolis Star Tribune, "We've come to discover that there are a few donors who have been confused, a few donors who areat' entirely sure of the amount of money that they're giving — and how often they're giving." He said that any donors who believe they were misled will



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BY TED BRIDIS The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Rancher Albert Kolk's small plane banked uncontrollably in darkness over Canada's Monashee Mountains, then began spiraling toward earth "Seat belts!" he barked to his teenage grandson and two young friends. Then he reached for a red lever in the cocknit

Suddenly, an orange-and-white parachute as big as a house opened above the plane and gently landed his stricken aircraft in

a rocky clearing.

If the maker of the parachute that saved Kolk's life this past spring succeeds, one day commercial aircraft like regional commuter jets may have similar safety systems. First, though, there's the challenge of creating a parachute robust enough to rescue bigger faster planes.

"Weight and speed are always the challenge," acknowledged Robert Nelson, chairman of Ballistic Recovery Systems Inc., which sold about 500 of its \$16,000 parachute systems this year for use by small private planes and pilots

The company's most advanced parachute right now can accom-modate nearly 4,000 pounds. While small planes can weigh up to 2.000 pounds and cruise about 175 miles per hour, regional jets weigh 80,000 pounds and fly at more than 600 miles per hour. That's why Ballistic Recovery

Systems is working with the Na tional Aeronautics and Space Administration - which gave it \$670,000 for research — to design a new generation of emergency parachutes that would work on small jets and could be steered by pilots as they drift to the ground.

Kolk, who was piloting his private plane April 8 from Seattle to his ranch in British Columbia, remembered reaching for the parachute handle as his plane slipped into a dangerous flat spin over the mountains in British Columbia, "like how a dog chases its tail."

A seasoned pilot, Kolk said he had never experienced such a di-saster in over a decade of private flying. "I knew I was in trouble. I couldn't straighten out," Kolk said. 'When that chute opened, it was a peaceful, wonderful feeling.

Kolk's experience is one of four cases where parachute-equipped planes landed safely beneath a canopy since U.S. regulators approved the system six years ago. Ballistic Recovery Systems based in St. Paul, Minn., says eight lives were saved in those four incidents, plus dozens of other people in accidents involving smaller parachute-equipped ultralight planes that resemble motorized gliders.

The parachute, stored behind the rear seats in small planes, is fired with a rocket through the rear windshield; it's attached with high-strength lines to the plane's wings, nose and tail.

They are increasingly popular among private pilots, and for good reason: The government said 626



An emergency parachute system is deployed on a small private plane. The parachutes, used to save aircraft in distress, are increasingly popular among private pilots. Ballistic Recovery Systems Inc. believes the parachutes can be used on some commercial passenger jets.

#### Just a plane parachute

Ballistic Recovery Systems manufactures parachutes for small planes such as the Cirrus SR-20, and is working with NASA to



Sources: Ballistic Recovery Systems Inc.; Cirrus Design Corp.

people died in general aviation crashes in 2003, compared with 81 neonle aboard commercial air-

experts whether parachutes will ever be attached to the largest passenger such as the Boeing which weighs more than 900,000 pounds. "The speed and weight of those planes would seem to preclude a system like that," said James Hall, former chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.Some private pilots insist they'll never fly without a

"People are crazy not to fly with them," said William Graham of San Diego, an instructor pilot whose plane landed beneath a parachute this spring near Stockton, Calif., after it unexpectedly flipped upside down at 16,000 feet. Graham, who was flying with his wife, Barbara, said they drift-ed onto a farm field so gently the landing didn't break fragile Christmas ornaments and glass bottles aboard the plane.

## Sents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

## Tips for return success

The Associated Press

The nation's annual Trek to the Return Counter exercise is nearly here

ConsumerReports.org, the online site of the popular consumer magazine, has a few tips to increase your chance of a happy

- Arrive armed with a sales receint. This is the swiftest method of slicing through initial confusion and smoothing the transaction
- Don't assume a clerk's no is the final word on the matter.

Take the issue to another employee, who may understand the store's return rules better (or

all else fails, speak to the manag-■ Don't discard tags or other product packaging until you're positive you'll keep the item.
With some electronic items, doing so can result in a hefty re-

worse) than the initial clerk. If

stocking fee. Above all: Be polite. Store clerks see the worst of humans' dealings with each other, so a smile and beneficent attitude can go a long way toward a satisfying experience.

# Study: Obesity a health risk even in active women

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS - Being fit but fat isn't good enough. Excess weight, all by itself, can take years off your life, even if you get plenty of exercise, a study found.

There has been some sugges. tion that if you are particularly active, you don't have to worry about your body weight, about your diet. That's very mislead-ing," said the report's lead author, Dr. Frank Hu of the Harvard School of Public Health.

The study of 116,500 women was nublished in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine and was based on questionnaires used in the Nurses' Health Study. which has followed female nurses since 1976, and on death certificates and medical records

Women who were physically active but obese had almost twice the risk of death of women who were both active and lean

Women who were sedentary but slender were 55 nercent more likely to die early.

Women who were both sedentary and obese were almost 21/2 times more likely to die.

"Being physically active did not cancel out the increased mortality of [being] overweight. Being lean did not counterbalance the risk effect of being sedentarv." Hu said

An editorial by David R. Jacobs Jr. and Mark A. Pereira of the University of Minnesota noted that the study relied on nurses' reports of exercise and weight rather than direct measurement, and did not include light to moderate

exercise — the form most Ameri-

weights.

per Institute, which is devoted to research on evercise and health nraised the findings

"If you're lean but you're sedentary, don't fool yourself. You're still at risk. You need to get physically active," he said.

A separate study in the journal the longest look yet at the effects of stomach-stapling and other obesity surgery — found that the weight loss and the protection against diabetes that re-

sult are major and long-lasting. The Swedish study, led by Dr. Lars Sjostrom of Sahlgrenska University Hospital in Goteborg. looked at more than 4,000 people. about half of whom underwent

The other half were advised to change their habits, or got no treatment at all.

Two years later, the surgery group had lost about 23 percent of its original weight while those in the comparison group weighed almost exactly the same.

Ten years later, the comparison group had gained an average of 1.6 percent. Those who underwent surgery had regained a larger percentage - but were still 16 percent below their original

## **EXCHANGE RATES**

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Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7812
Hungary (Forint)	183.25
Iceland (Krona)	61.925
Israel (Shekel)	4.3365
Japan (Yen) Kuwait (Dinar)	104.08
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.294
Norway (Krone)	6.191
Philippines (Peso)	56.08
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## PRECIOUS METALS

#### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.2
Discount rate	3.2
Federal funds market rate	2.2
3-month bill	2.2
30-year bond	4.8
Sources: The Associated Press. B.	ank o

# **SCARY** Carrey

## In his new magical movie, actor has fun putting fear into children of all ages

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BY MIKE SZYMANSKI

LOS ANGELES - Jim Carrey loves scaring kids. He's played the Grinch in "Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas," the Riddler in "Batman Forever," the maniacal superhero in "The Mask" — and now he's the sinister Count Olaf in "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Un-

fortunate Events.

"I remember when I was a kid just loving creepy movies that scared me and at the same time were funny," says Carrey
"I remember 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' with that ... Chil dren Catcher, who was trying to entice kids out with candy and kidnap them. There were crazy characters that were really scary. Bill Sykes in 'Oliver! that's not a funny movie, but I love those characters. Now he's recreating the n

sis of three orphaned children from a series of books that rivals "Harry Potter" in populari-ty. In the "Lemony Snicket" se-

ries, Olaf takes custody of the children and then tries to kill them in order to inherit their parents' fortune

Carrey says in a press conference that he modeled the character after a little bit of Orson Welles, a bit of the cartoon cereal box character Count Chocula, and bit like a bird of prey. Physically, however, he turned out a bit more famil-

"I turned out looking like my dad, actually, which is really freaky," he says, pointing out that his family also noticed the resemblance of the older bald sharp-nosed Olaf.

"He's kind of like the funny uncle who gets a little drunk at Christmastime and then turns in the middle of the night. I wanted the danger to

For Carrey, playing dress-up is like Christmas every day. "I love transforming - it's like Christmas morning to me." he says, wearing an uncharacteristic black suit with a blue striped shirt. (He says he's going somewhere important after the interview ) "You get into the make-un trailer and you start playing around with things and throwing pieces together. At one point, we had a Don King wig on backwards strapped to the back of my head and I look like a ... hood ornament from a Chevy, it was weird. But we experimented, we came up with 30 different characters that didn't get into the movie. The whole process is exciting. It's such a fun thing to mas-querade, period."

Joining his masquerade in the film are Jude Law, Meryl Streep, Timothy Spall, Jennifer Coolidge, Cedric the Entertainer and British comedian Billy Connolly, who plays another distant relative who's a snake expert and always has a big huge python around his neck.

"Jim would always try to improvise something," Connolly recalls, remembering how in one scene Carrey picked up a snake-wrangling stick and putted around a piece of paper using live turtles as obstacles, as if on a miniature golf course. "It was just lovely to see his mind work

that way and we all would collapse into laugh-

The children were played by "Road to Perdi-on's" Liam Aiken, Emily Browning from "Ned Kelly" and 2-year-old twins Kara and Shelby Hoffman, who alternated as the youngest child, Sunny, Browning says Carrey ate sardines and made his breath disgusting on purpose before shooting scenes with them

"He always tried to crack us up, and scare us, too," Browning says. "Gosh, if they put all the outtakes together on the DVD, there'd be seven more hours of the movie

Coming up, he's signed to do a big-screen version of "The Six Million Dollar Man," a remake of "Fun With Dick and Jane" and "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty." His wide variety of character ranges represent two sides of himself.

"I think the two me's are definitely meeting in the middle in some respects. I seem to have tripped into a time in my career where I have such a diversity of roles, so I feel incredibly



Actor Jim Carrey hams it up at the premiere of "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" in Hollywood on Dec. 12. Carrey plays creepy Count Olaf.

#### Powell takes coveted New Year position

Secretary of State Colin Powell will celebrate New Year's Eve in Times Square as the guest of honor at the 100th anniversary of the world-famous festivities. Powell, a native New Yorker, will push the button to

begin the New Year's Eve ball's descent as an expected 750,000 people swarm Times Square

and more than a billion people worldwide watch on television

"I could not imagine a better way to ring in the new year than surrounded by the energy and enthusiasm of the American people and those watching on television together in the hopes of a brighter tomorrow," Powell said in a statement.
Powell announced plans last month

to resign from the Bush administration and plans to leave early next

"Colin Powell is as New York as you could possibly be." said Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who made the announce-

## Royal wedding tapes profitable for charity

Proceeds from DVD sales of Prince Felipe's wedding have been donated to the families and victims of the Madrid train bombings.

A palace spokesman said Friday that \$230,375 had been sent to the Foundation for the Victims of Terrorism to be given to the victims of the

March 11 attacks Rombs tore through four early morning commuter trains in Madrid, killing 191 people and injuring some 1,800. Prince

former TV anchorwoman Letizia Ortiz were married May 22. The wedding was filmed by Spanish Television with an agree ment that proceeds from video sales be given to victims of the attack.

Felipe Ortiz and Prince Feline

The foundation also represents victims of attacks by the armed Basque separatists group ETA, which has killed more than 800 people since 1968.

#### Actress breathes life back into Hepburn

Cate Blanchett comes on strong when she first annears as Katharine Hepburn in Martin Scorsese's new Howard Hughes biopic, "The Aviator." She's talking a mile-a-minute in that Hepburn accent.

Blanchett says Scorsese wanted it that way

"He wanted Hepburn to come into the film with a bang. And so the scene is constructed with her talking her head off," she told AP Radio in an interview, "It's quite an assault on the senses.'

Blanchett says Scorsese wanted the audience to ask themselves: "Oh, my God, Is that her? Is that Katharine Henburn?

"The Aviator" has received six Golden Globe nominations, including best supporting actress for Blanchett.

#### Smoking may hurt health but helps career

Smoking is bad for your health, but it was good for Hong Kong martial arts queen Yuen Qiu's acting career.

Yuen, who appeared in the 1974 James Bond film, "The Man With the Golden Gun," landed a role in "Kung Fu Hustle," which opened in Hong Kong on Thursday, because the director liked the way she smoked, the South China Morning Post reported.

Yuen, a popular stuntwoman and kung-fu actress in the 70s, said she was accompanying a friend to an audition when director Stephen Chow saw her smoking. He was looking for someone who smoked the way she did and urged her to join the cast, she told the newspaper.

Chow, who directed and starred in 2001's "Shaolin Soccer," asked her to play a landlady in his new comedy about gangsters who try to take over a neighborhood full of kung fu masters disguised as ordinary residents.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

#### **TUESDAY EVENING / DECEMBER 28, 2004**

MOVIES • SPORTS

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7	AFN-ATL	(5:46) Oprah Win- frey (CC)	(:35) Guiding Light	(CC)	(:17) General Hos- pital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				I Spy (CC)	Animaniacs (CC)
8	NEWS	Hardball With Chris	Matthews	The O'Reilly Facto		FOX News (CC)		Fox and Friends		Fox and Friends		American Morning	
9	SPORTS	•(5:00) NBA Baske	tball Teams to Be Ar	nounced. (Taped)	NBA Fastbreak     (CC)	SportsCenter		College Football	Motor City Bowl C	onnecticut vs. Toledo.	From Detroit.	<ul><li>ESPNews</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Auto Racing: Fl World Rally</li> </ul>
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#### JAPAN TV

### Afternoon

1:30 U.S. Movie (1976); King Kong (2:00)(12)

Evening 6:30 News (6) 7:00 NHK News (1) 7:30 What I Like About You (3) 10:00 News (1)

1:20 French Drama: Fabio Montale: Chuour-mo (1)

#### JAPAN TV-BS7

#### Morning

Morning 6:15 World News Hour 7:15 World News Hour 8:15 World News Hour 9:15 World News Hour

10:10 2004 Japanese Major Leaguers (8): Ichi-ro (2)(r)

#### 11:15 CNN News

Afternoon 12:15 CNN News 2:15 PBS NewsHo 3:15 CNN News

4:15 World News Hour 5:15 Asian News

#### JAPAN TV-BS11

Morning 10:00 Cartoon

Afternoon 2:40 Swedish Movie (1992): Lotta Pa Brak-makargatan (1:20)

Evening 7:00 NHK News

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Morning 6:00 Wake Up! 7:00 M Size Monday 8:00 Top Choice 10:00 Pure Music

10:30 Classic 11:00 All the Best of MTV 2004 No. 13-No. 14

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Evening 6:00 M Size Tuesday

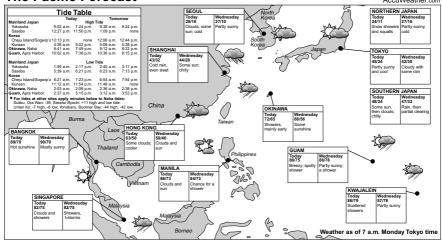
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#### The Pacific Forecast

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#### **Extended Forecasts**

Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine,

high 36, low 23. Friday: Clouds and sunshine high 40, low 36.

KADENA

high 66, low 55.

Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine. high 62, low 56. Friday: Clouds and sunshine

SEOUL Thursday: Periods of clouds and

high 19, low 5. Friday: Partly sunny high 23, low 10.

#### MANILA

Thursday: Showers, high 86, low 73. Friday: Showers, high 87 low 73

#### HAGATNA

Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 82.

Friday: Clouds and sunshine high 88, low 79.

#### Sunday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	51/28	Los Angeles	61/50
Amarillo	54/29	Little Rock	49/26
Anchorage	21/13	Louisville	35/14
Asheville	43/20	Miami	71/52
Baltimore	34/23	Milwaukee	22/12
Birmingham	49/24	Nashville	40/20
Bismarck	19/12	New York	31/23
Boise	45/30	Omaha	29/21
Boston	29/19	Orlando	57/38
Brownsville	64/44	Philadelphia	34/26
Buffalo	22/9	Phoenix	70/48
Burlington	17/7	Pittsburgh	27/14
Charleston, St		Portland, OR	49/39
Charlotte	42/22	Portland, ME	24/16
Cleveland	25/14	Salt Lake City	
Columbus, OH		St. Louis	39/20
Duluth	17/1	San Antonio	64/34
El Paso	55/30	San Diego	64/52
Hartford	27/22	San Juan	83/72
Helena	37/15	Tampa	56/38
Indianapolis	28/9	Tulsa	56/34
Jacksonville	47/30	Washington	34/22
Kansas City	40/27	Wichita	56/28



### U.S. Extended Forecast

Much of the country east of the Rockies will be dry Tuesday with only a few flurries around the Great Lakes. A strong storm will continue to impact California with heavy rain and mountain snow Tuesday, and this will continue right through the middle part of the week as this storm sits and spins just off the California coast. The rain and snow may extend northward into Washington and Oregon by Thursday as well. Much of the country east of the Rockies will have above-normal temperatures by Thursday with rain possible all the way into the Upper Midwest by late Thursday.

#### Tuesday's Pacific Temperatures

#### Tuesday's World Temperatures



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#### Flu shots available

MA BOSTON — State health officials are making flu vaccine shots available to people 50 and older. The state imposed restrictions in October after British regulators unexpectedly shut down a major U.S. vaccine supplier over concerns about bacterial contamination. In early plies in-December, with supcreasing, the Department of Public Health lowered the minimum

#### Dude, we want Dell Inc.

strictions

NC WINSTON-SALEM — The syth County proposed giving a com-bined \$37.2 million to Dell Inc. if it builds a computer plant there. Dell could hire more than 2,000 work ers for its new Triad plant. Guilford and Davidson counties have offered lower incentive deals. Dell announced last month it would move to the region after the Legislature agreed to incentives totaling \$242.5 million

#### Hazards of watching TV

HOUSTON — A car plowed into an apartment and ran over a man who was lying in bed watching television, but the man suffered only minor injuries.

Willmon Guillory, 56, was trapped under the car for 40 minutes. He was treated and released from Memorial Hermann Hospital, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Firefighters said three young people were in the car that plunged through a brick wall of Guillory's apartment and into his bedroom. All three fled.

#### Home's nurse attacked

CA PERRIS — An 87-year-old man visiting a family member at a convalescent home alleged ly shot a nurse in the face after he became angry about the care the relative was receiving authorities said

The nurse was listed in critical condition at a nearby hospital, Riverside County sheriff's spokesman Dennis Gutierrez said. Minutes after the afternoon

shooting at the Ember Care Health Center in Perris, authorities arrested Norman Larson of Sun City for investigation of assault with a dead ly weapon, Gutierrez said. Center employees had detained

Larson by the time deputies arrived

#### Baby suit thrown out

COLUMBIA — The state Supreme Court threw out a "wrongful life" lawsuit claiming a doctor failed to tell a pregnant woman about her son's severe birth defect.

Jennie Willis contended she would have legally aborted had she known when she was pregnant that most of her son's brain was missing, according to her lawyer, O. Favrell Furr Jr. The lawsuit was filed by Willis on behalf of her now 8-year-old son, Thomas.

In a unanimous ruling, South Carolina's high court said it recognizes the severe nature of the boy's



condition, but it could not accept the wrongful birth claim.

South Carolina joins 27 other states that either reject or limit the "wrongful life" claim, the court said. California. Washington and New Jersey are the only other states that allow such claims

#### YMCA rentals banned

CHICAGO - A VMCA director has been fired and over-night facility rentals banned after the parents of young children arriving for a morning swim meet clashed with participants in an overnight transgender fashion show and hall

Greg Weider, who had been acting director of the New City YMCA for two years, was fired. Programming manager Michael Horton, who oversaw scheduling at the center, resigned two days earlier.

Police and private security guards were called after some parents used sexual slurs, and scuffling broke out, authorities said. No arrests were made.

#### Cyclists defend rights

NEW YORK - The city's bid to force cyclists to obtain permits before their monthly bicycle rally through Manhattan was dismissed by a federal judge.

U.S. District Judge William H. Paulev III said the issue should be



#### Snack time

Pike, a 22-year-old polar bear, digs into a Christmas present at the San Francisco Zoo in San Francisco on Christmas Eve.

resolved in state court

Cyclists had argued that since no one claims to organize the Critical Mass rallies issuing nermits would have been diffi-

City lawyer Sheryl Neufeld said the city was considering an appeal.

The bike rides, which started in San Francisco in 1992 to make a statement about cvclists' rights, have become large enough in New York that police tightened the rules, leading to the arrest of hundreds of cyclists days before the Republican National Convention.

Pauley noted that police had not required permits for nearly a decade and had even aided the rallies by blocking cross-town intersections and letting cyclists run red lights.

Attorney Norman Seagal, who represented five cyclists who had their bikes seized, said he hoped the judge's argument "will deter the city from seeking to appeal."

#### Saving trees

HASTINGS - When Earl NE Marian sends birthday wishes to his brother, he can count on getting the same exact birthday wishes from Floyd Marian the next month

It's a card-swapping tradition that started in 1975 when Floyd first received the birthday card from his brother.

In it, Linus of the Peanuts comic strip tells the reader, "This is the age of ecology! Don't throw this card away. Recycle it to a friend."

Floyd took the advice and sent it back to Earl. Earl followed suit the following year. And so on and so

For 29 years the brothers have kept their same-card exchange going, freshening the card up with one-line messages that now have taken up most of the card's open

Floyd, 80, receives the card each year around his Dec. 10 birthday, then kicks it back to Earl 73 in time to acknowledge his birthday

"It's getting worn out a little bit." Floyd said.

#### **Drivers' licenses revoked**

VA RICHMOND — A total of 237 drivers are losing their Virginia licenses because of suspected fraud by a former Depart-ment of Motor Vehicles worker who allegedly sold driver's licenses for up to \$2,500 each.

The department will be mailing letters containing the cancellation orders to the drivers this week, with the revocations effective immediately

All the drivers received licenses over the last 1½ years from a former DMV employee at the agency's office in north Henrico County who has been charged with illegal. ly selling documents.

Two weeks ago, the agency sent letters to 250 drivers telling them to turn in their licenses and reapply for them.

An unknown number of the 250 affected drivers turned in their licenses, she said, but could not meet the state's licensing requirements and walked away without a new driver's license



On a mission Salva Dut shows a water pump he uses for demonstrations of his mission to bring clean water to villages in Sudan, at the Downtown United Presbyterian Church where he works as a clerk in Rochester, N.Y. Dut is one of the thousands of "Lost Boys of Sudan" who spent over a decade fleeing war and famine before landing in America.



Glenn Harris, left, gets chicken soup from Kim Sny-Soup's on Glenn Harris, ien, gets cinctures from Patricia Bates, right, as members of Gods Filling Station Full Gospel Church serve meals to the needy in front of the Department of Social Services building in Asheville, N.C.



Protesters on the prowl Lisa Franzetta, campaign coordinator with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, left, and Melissa Garcia, a volunteer with PETA, protest as they skate around wearing painted-on leopard spots Pershing Square's downtown ice rink in Los Angeles.



Three hogs walk in the snow after getting out of a barn that caught fire near Stockwell, 3 lucky pigs Ind. More than 500 head of hogs were in the barn. Some of the hogs were able to be saved. Fire officials would not say what the cause of the blaze was.



A car of the newly reopened Las Vega Back on track Monorail pulls into the station at the MGM Grand. The brand-new system, built by Canada's Bomardier Corp., had been closed since mid-September due to safety concerns.



Octavio Pescador runs along the beach in Santa Monica, Calif., on Christmas Eve. with temperatures near 70 degrees.



Shining through the pitch-black darkness of an early winter morning, Christmas lights cover this home in Shawnee. Okla-

#### New low on welfare

MD ANNAPOLIS — Figures from the Maryland Department of Human Resources show the number of people in Maryland receiving welfare benefits last month was 66.725. That's the low est number since December 1963. Officials say the numbers have fallen steadily since a 1996 federal law limited the duration of bene-

#### Road projects delayed

AL MONTGOMERY — Newspaper mistakes in advertising state highway construction projects have delayed road projects five times since late 2003 and cost the state \$202,354, state transportation officials said State law requires the projects to be advertised once a week for three weeks before bids are opened. If not, the bid process must start over

#### \$5M in child support

MI LANSING — Attorney Gen-eral Mike Cox said his office has dramatically increased back child support collections. The office collected \$5 million between July and December, the same amount it collected between April 2003 and this July, a Cox spokes man said. The number of workers dedicated to collecting back child support has been increased from 10 to 33

#### No more discount

TRENTON — Motorists who use E-ZPass on the New Jersey Turnpike will lose their 15 percent discount for rush hour and weekend tolls beginning Jan. 1, 2006. The move is expected to generate as much as \$17 million and will allow officials to borrow more money for highway improvements without paying higher interest rates. Toll discounts during off-peak hours will remain in ef-

#### Vandals taint landmark

WV HARPERS FERRY — Vandals marred a popular landmark that Thomas Jefferson called one of nature's "most stunendous scenes," defacing with paint a famous slab of shale known as Jefferson Rock

The rock, offering a sweeping view of where the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers meet in Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. was damaged in the evening or early morning. "It looks like the entire rock was dipped into paint," park Superintendent Donald W. Campbell said Thursday. No arrests had been made.

Jefferson hiked to the spot in 1783 and described it as "perhaps one of the most stupendous scen in Nature" in his book "Notes on the State of Virginia," telling readers its scenic vista was "worth a voyage across the Atlantic."

Park officials have begun to remove the oil-based paint from the well-grooved slab with chemicals.

#### 3 arrests in bird caper

DECATUR — Authorities charged three men in connection with the decapitation of birds at Decatur's Scovill Zoo, saying they urged a 15-year-old to break into the zoo on Halloween

and helped cover up the crime.

Police released documents that described it as a theft attempt gone awry. They said the teenager, arrested last month, had been urged by the three to steal chickens from the zoo on Oct 31

The following day, zoo workers found two Chilean flamingoes and a white pelican mangled in their

Chief Park Ranger Ward Davis said authorities believe the teen went after the birds after being unable to find any chickens. In court documents, authorities said the 15-year-old strangled and decapitated the flamingos and stomped on the pelican before decapitating it. The case against the teen is pending.

Sean M. Riley, 26, Lloyd G. Pringle, 19, and Brandon Gossard, 19, were arrested in connection with the bird deaths. Park officials say the community has raised more than \$14,000 to replace the birds.

#### Pink slips at meatpacker

KS WICHITA — A Kansas meatpacker, hit by the loss of lucrative export markets because of fears of mad cow disease in American beef, is cutting 150 iobs and reducing production at its slaughterhouse.

Creekstone Farms Premium Beef blamed its inability to do the kind of testing for mad cow, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), that would appease overseas customers.

"What we predicted has hap-pened — that is, we are not able to ship because we are not testing. We are not doing what the customer wants. We continue to think that is wrong," said Bill Fielding. Creekstone's chief operating officer.

One year ago, the nation's first case of mad cow was discovered in a single animal in Washington state. Many nations, including Japan — with sales exceeding \$1.7 billion in 2003 - then closed their borders to U.S. beef imports.

Creekstone Farms wanted to test all the cattle it slaughters for the disease. The Department of Agriculture has refused to allow such comprehensive testing.

#### Traffic dispute escalates

RI LINCOLN — A Woonsocket man was restrained at gunpoint by a state Department of Environmental Management officer after a traffic dispute. Stephen Chauvin. 24.

charged with felony assault with a dangerous weapon. The DEM officer spotted him walking from his narked car toward another motorist with a 2-foot-long retractable baton on Route 116 shortly after 9 Chauvin and the other driver

had both pulled over to the side of the road.

The DEM officer witnessed the confrontation and ordered Chauvin to put the baton down. When he failed to comply, the officer drew his weapon.

Chauvin then stopped and was later charged by police. Police said Chauvin was carry-

ing the baton because he uses it in his job as an armored-car driver. The Providence Journal reported in Thursday's editions. Chauvin appeared in District

Court and was released on personal recognizance. His next court date is Jan. 4.



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#### Tolerate the holidays

I learned of a few soldiers in the division who claimed offense to the spirited holi-day decorations adorning the offices

where they work. Evidently they claim that decorations reflect a religion or religious celebration and that they would prefer to not have them.

Did these people come from America? And do they choose the American culture? It is incomprehensible to think that soldiers who are ordered to respect the Muslim culture with its religious and cultural differences cannot see that they come from a culture, too.

The culture of America celebrates Christmas. People celebrate it in many different ways. I prefer modest decorations, mostly to please the children. Others have candles in the windows; some like monstrous, gaudy light displays.

If a person chooses not to be a part of the culture, he or she does not have to try to make everyone else revolve around his or her rejection. In America, we respect all cultures and relish the differences not despise them.

Who is upset when people celebrate Fourth of July? It was predominantly Christians who founded this country, who passed on their ideals and put their life on the line by signing the Declaration of Independence. [Those opposed to Christmas decorations] should be upset that we celebrate independence, too, but that never crossed their minds, did it?

It was those same men who also said that every man is created equal with certain inalienable rights. One of those rights is the pursuit of happiness.

Well, be happy, brother soldiers. Cul-ture is not bad. Culture is everywhere; you live in one. Grit your teeth for a few days and the holiday season will be over.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Glen W Nardin Camp Liberty, Iraa

#### Don't give in to whiners

"What 'holiday' is it?" (letter, Dec. 23) hits the nail on the head. The more we give in to the whiners, who without a doubt will move on to the next cause after they win this one, the more they find to whine about.

I used to think that organizations like the American Civil Liberties Union were intended for the pursuit of our civil rights but, in recent years, it seems that the ACLU and similar groups will foster any cause that makes headlines.

Take, for instance, the man who wanted the Pledge of Allegiance discontinued in his daughter's school [if the phrase "under was included]. It makes no difference that he didn't even have custody of her; the problem was that this issue was allowed to be pursued in the first place. The fact that it was only dismissed because he was not the custodial parent was just a way for the courts to get out of an issue that should've never been there in the first place

The older I get, the more worried I become that my children will be growing up

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in an America that is constantly being degraded by the whiny few, who manage to get national attention drawn to them when they stand up against the very ideals upon which this nation was founded. I agree that we should allow everyone their right to speak out freely, but those who put down and bad-mouth the very standards by which this country was borne should not be placed on a national media pedestal.

Anyway, Merry Christmas to you, and to everyone else out there (even the whiners). God Bless America, too!

Michael "A.J." Lawrence

Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany

#### Force-feeding not fulfilling

To the writer of the Dec. 23 letter "What 'holiday' is it?": Even though I am a Buddhist, it does not offend me when people wish me a Merry Christmas. I accept the greeting in the spirit that it is offered. However, I believe it is unfair to label those who do object "the lunatic fringe.

Unless you are a follower of a non-Christian religion (or no religion at all), you probably will not notice how much Christianity permeates life in the States and the U.S. military. There are Christian prayers at change-of-command ceremonies, mandatory-working lunches, training events, "holiday" parties, etc., and religious programming on American Forces Network is pretty much all Christian. It can be very annoying, and some people are just fed up with it I respect your right to practice your reli-

gion as you wish. Please respect my right not to have it force-fed to me Pamela Reaville

Yokohama, Japan

#### It's only one of the holidays

The writer of "What 'holiday' is it?" (letter, Dec. 23) is reminded that Christmas is only one traditional day that is celebrated during this international holiday period.

What does the writer do after the stroke of midnight on Dec. 31st? Yell "Merry Christmas" while all of the other revelers are saying "Happy New Year?" I believe that the Jewish people have a

right to celebrate the holidays without saying "Merry Christmas" to each other. His-tory reveals that it was the pagans who started celebrating their holiday on the 21st of December a long time before the Christians moved their icon's hirthday to enhance their religion's appeal

Most people say "Happy Holidays" be-cause they want to include everyone and not unintentionally offend. It is very rude to assume that everyone in an audience is Jewish, pagan or Christian or to try to impose your brand of religion on strangers However, if I know for sure what someone is, I greet them with their traditional greet-Also, I do not believe that biologists, doc-

tors and scientists can be classified as lunatics just because modern-day politicians have caved in to far-right religious political pressure in the pursuit of power. If people such as the writer would learn to be a little more tolerant of others' rights to what they want to celebrate, we would be a lot closer to achieving hope, peace and joy for everyone. So, why does it matter how you are greet-

ed during this long-standing, pre-Christian end-of-the-year holiday season, as long as you are included in the greeting? Donald Phagan

Camp Anaconda, Iraa

#### 'Tis the main holiday season

In reference to "What holiday is it?" (letter, Dec. 23): It is the holiday season; we have Thanksgiving, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's all within a short period.

So, to the letter writer: Don't get too stressed, enjoy all the holidays and, if it makes you happy, just say "Merry Christ-

Happy Holidays.

Gordon Uscier Würzburg, Germany

#### An offer for reservists

Reservists who complain that all servicemembers on active duty should deploy to Iraq or wherever first prior to the reservists being recalled to deploy are correct. I totally agree and have volunteered to deploy for whatever amount of time, to wherever is needed and in whatever capacity the military needs me (i.e. postal), and I have never deployed

I work as a 4A0, medical administration If you are a deployed reservist and don't want to go or want to come home, drop my name - maybe it will work. I have no dependents and feel everyone should do their share in deploying. Deploying our ac-tive-duty troops first before deploying reservists makes sense. I will be PCSing to the States at the end of this month. Hopefully I can be deployed as soon as possible and do my share Master Sgt. Mary J. Warner Osan Air Base, South Korea

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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#### OPINION

## State war goals, don't 'tinker at the margins'

BY HARLAN ULLMAN

largely unnoticed report drafted by an important and mostly invisible Pentagon advisory group contained surprisingly strong and probably unintended criticism of the Bush administration's approach to the global war on terrorism.

The report by the Pentagon's Defense Science Board, a panel of outside technical and defense experts, was titled "Strategic Com-munication." In plain English, it means waging and winning the war of ideas between the United States and Islamic extremism

The blunt conclusion of the report, which was released in September, was that "U.S. strategic communication must be trans-formed" because it "is in crisis." In plainer English, the United States is simply not com municating its message at home or abroad in the war on terrorism and is losing this contest of ideas

The DSB also challenged key administration foreign-policy assertions. Americans have been told repeatedly by the Bush ad ministration that terrorists are out to kill us because they hate America and its democracv. But the report observed that "Muslims do not 'hate our freedom'; they hate our policies" and, in particular, "what they see as one-sided support" in favor of Israel and against the Palestinians.

Driving its point home, the DSB report made clear that the United States "is engaged in a generational and global struggle about ideas, not a war between the West and Islam" and that the fight is "more than a war against the tactic of terrorism."

DSB Chairman William Therefore. Schneider Jr. advised, "To win [this] global

battle of ideas, a global strategy for communicating those ideas is essential" - a reent that senior government officials clearly understand

So why are we losing this battle? The answer rests in three profound weaknesses that afflict American government

a failure to understand reality as it is, not as we might like it to be (this flaw was central to the Sept. 11 commission's critical finding that "group think" produced intelli-gence misjudgments over Iraq's possession

of weapons of mass destruction);

the difficulty in holding officials accountable for policy choices that go wrong (no one was fired or reprimanded for the in telligence or strategic communication failures, or for the handling of postwar reconstruction of Iraq); and

■ the dysfunctional nature of the U.S. gov-ernment's national security organization that often prevents rational decision-making and certainly confuses it

The DSB made seven recommendations: a presidential directive to ■ Issue strengthen the nation's capacity for conduct

ing strategic communication;

Establish a strategic communication structure within the National Security Council headed by a deputy national security adviser supported by an independent, nonparti-"think tank-like" organization, the Center for Strategic Communication.

■ The remaining five recommendations specified changes within the State and Defense departments regarding public diplomacy and planning for strategic communication, including tripling personnel for such communication in the Pentagon.

In many ways, the report paralleled the work of the Sept. 11 commission, whose rec-ommendations were just enacted into law.



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Intelligence suffers from similar dysfunconal effects of government, ... Even with the Homeland Security Department, the Na-tional Security Act of 1947 and the vestiges of the Cold War largely define our strategic instincts and national security organization. The DSB report concluded by predicting that we will lose this war of ideas "if we tinker at the margins." And we are tinkering. The fact is, the administration does not have a comprehensive plan for dealing with these challenges.

The government and the public need a better understanding of the dangers that confront the nation. This is the best reason for enhancing strategic communication.

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Then, elected leaders must have the courge not just to tinker but to reform the overall national security structure, including within the executive branch and Congress. Otherwise, as long as we focus only on parts and not the heart of the issues that test us, we will never be successful in making the na tion safer and more secure, and we will never reduce to a manageable level the current dysfunctional nature of government. Harlan Ullman, senior adviser at the Center for Strategic Studies, is author of "Finishing Busine

Ten Steps to Defeat Global Terror." This column first appeared in The (Baltimore) Sun.

## When blind hate drives reactions, humanity is lost

BY THOMAS J. RALEIGH

oh Rahh! Kill them all and let their god sort them out." This is one of many disturbing comments (in this case from someone who identifies himself as a Marine named Clay) that have appeared in an online petition that eventually will be sent to Congress in support of the Marine in volved in last month's shooting of a wounded insurgent in a mosque in Fallujah, Iraq.

Many who signed this petition (more than 340,000) are, I'm sure, reasonable people concerned about a military man in a tough situation. But sadly, there are also those like the author of the sentiments above who believe that the deviousness of our ene mies would justify us in abandoning our values and principles on the battlefield.

Clay's comment, and others like it. prompted me to recall the advice I once heard from a battalion commander under whom I served nearly 20 years ago - Lt. Col. James S. Gribshaw Jr., a highly decorated Vietnam veteran. ... One day in 1987, he and I were observing a training exercise at Fort Lewis, Wash.: a platoon setting an amhush It was a teythook operation save for one glitch. After the assault, when the prisoner-search team returned to the kill zone, a soldier shot a wounded enemy role-player, calling him an "[expletive deleted] gook

Gribshaw was to lead the discussion re viewing the lessons learned from the exer cise. I expected him to focus on the sound tactics the platoon demonstrated during the operation. He didn't. ... I'm reconstructing his talk here from memory, but I'd vouch for its being about 95 percent correct: "A soldier in this platoon shot a wounded

man today. You cannot do that.

"You will find yourself in combat some day. And then you are going to go home,

where you will have to live with what you have done - to accomplish your mission, to stay alive, to keep your buddy alive.

When you assault across a kill zone, you do so violently; if you hesitate, you die. However, later, during the search - different story. If an enemy soldier is wounded, you can't kill him. If the tactical situation does not permit you to evacuate him, do what you can to relieve his suffering, and continue the mission.

Your enemy is a combatant, a human being. He is not a 'gook' or a 'slope.' If you dehumanize your enemy, you will dehumanize yourself, and you will do things that you will regret. And you won't go home with honor. We made a mistake today. That's why we train. Learn from this. Questions?"

Silence. Gribshaw looked the platoon

over, nodded and walked away, in a mood I couldn't quite figure out. His command ser-

major later told me that Gribshaw acted this way when something bothered him and he wished, just for a moment, that he hadn't given up smoking Lucky Strikes. Every soldier, at some point, hears similar

advice. Sometimes it comes from someone like Jim Gribshaw, who faced an enemy that not unlike the insurgents in Iraq — intimi dated civilians, booby-trapped corpses and engaged in other practices that were beyond internationally recognized rules of war

Abu Ghraib aside, U.S. soldiers in Iraq have consistently demonstrated that they fight with honor and with due restraint. As a nation we can accept nothing less, because an army in the field derives its moral authority as much from the values and principles of the nation that sent it to fight as it does from the conduct of each soldier

Shortly after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. we channeled a righteous rage into a firm re-

solve to take the fight to our enemies. Regrettably, rage and resolve now appear to be turning, ever so surely, to blind hate.... This transformation deepens and widens with the death of every U.S. servicemember in battle
— or in a mess tent in Mosul. ...

I write as someone who lost an Army comrade on Pan Am Flight 103 in 1988 and a nephew and a cousin in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11. That does nothing to alter my belief that should we abandon our values and allow ourselves to be overcome by hatred because of our revulsion against those who kill children, or office workers, or a woman working to alleviate suffering, such as Margaret Hassan, we risk losing our humanity and undermine the moral authority of our troops overseas. And we risk losing this war. Don't take my word on this - ask

as J. Raleigh is a retired Army lieutenant colonel.

#### Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY





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Venus runs out ahead of Mercury. and our hearts take the lead ove our logical brain. So if you already know you have a tendency to be a fool for love, this is **Holiday Mathis** the time to ask friends what they honestly think before you make any rash decisions. On the brighter

side, if you've been finding it hard to forgive someone, compassion wins out. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (December 28), You've got head-turning style this year - that, along with your

creativity and hard work, will get you rave reviews. Don't let it go to your head, howeve particularly in April, when opportunity springs from humility. Your larger-than-life intensity attracts love that is the same in June. Be thrifty, and you'll have a good deal to spend in September.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Sweet harmony guides your day as you reach an accord with your wife your mother or a maternal figure and go to your neutral corners. Now, you can be super-productive and whip through that to-do list.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Have a chat with the gardener, the hairdresser or someone else who grooms you or your home - but wait until after noon. You'll be better able to articulate your needs, and that person will be more receptive to your suggestions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Every song on the radio will seem to speak directly to you. This is a prolific time for Gemini poets, songwriters and romantics. Words of love

roll easily off the tongue - or out of the pen if you prefer CANCER (June 22-July 22).

There is a light at the end of this tunnel! You feel a surge of confidence as you glimpse it. Any unfinished business can be completed. ses can be cleaned up. You're capable of more than you previously thought

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The drama increases on your life stage, and you may feel as if you're flying without a net. Rest assured that a stabilizing force will protect you from any rough landings. The universe has got your back

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're liable to feel a bit irked by

someone, particularly if that person throws your daily routine out of whack. Stall for time. If you still feel the same way in a couple of hours, share your concerns.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Use your natural sense of fair play to mediate a discussion

between folks taking pro and con positions. You'll come out looking like a hero as long as you stay al. Another Libra helps.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Others are drawn to you by your passion and mystery, but be careful of their motives. Your intuition is in high gear right now, so if something feels fishy, make a call to your gut, and go with whatever it has to say.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Passion is on the menu, as is a taste for telling it like it is. You express your affection with flair and vim. Teachers, lawyers and politicians can win over the other side by making their case with enthusiasm

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-lan. 19). Your family is your strength, and you are theirs. Reminiscing about the past fills your heart with tenderness and love. A nice dinner can do wonders for your spirit. Include at least two of your favorite comfort foods

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Social butterfly that you are, you're probably spreading yourself too thin. You're torn between focusing on your own needs and keeping a commitment you made to a friend. Sleep in late tomorrow if you possibly can

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The focus is still on your relationship, but now, the perspective has shifted from your partner to you. You're a natural-horn negotiator, so say what you really feel, and try to find common ground. It's closer than

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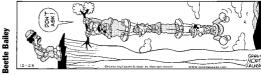






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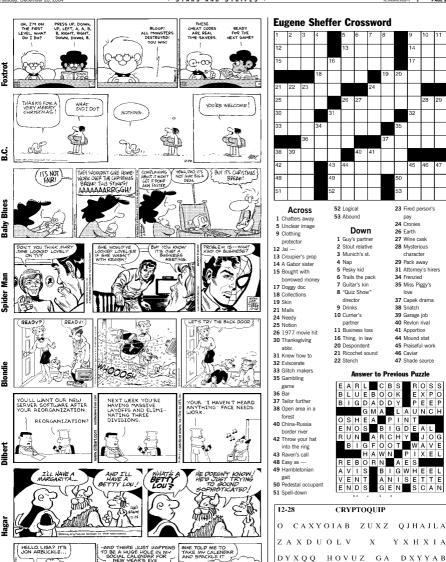












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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals S

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Dear Abby

## **Little privacy in hospital gowns**

Dear Abby: In reply to the letter from "Offended in the South," regarding hospital gowns, I understand a person's need for modesty. However, I am a health-care provider, and I see the other side of the picture.

As a paramedic, we are constantly disrobing patients (including cutting clothing off) to gain access to areas that need examination and treatment. Hospital gowns give us access to IV lines, EKG monitoring, and defibrillation and other medical equip-

ment I am always conscious of my patients' need for privacy and re-cover them after I have examined them. Hospitals do provide robes for patients that will cover their backsides.

I encourage all hospital patients to request a robe besides the hospital gown they receive upon admission

Dear Khrysten: I'm sure many readers will be interested to know that such garments are available upon request. Read

> Dear Abby: Some years back. I was in a hospital that offered a unique hospital gown. It was extremely large and had three sleeves The patient put the left sleeve over the left arm, the right sleeve over the right arm, and then the gown was passed around the back, and the third sleeve placed over the

left arm again. I remember my entire body was covered and I was very comfortable. I wish I could recall the name of that hospital.

- H.E. in Florida Dear H.E.: It's nice to know that such a garment exists, but

inations or other emergency procedures?

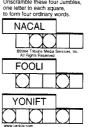
Dear Abby: Five years ago, I had the same complaint as "Offended." I am 6 feet tall and weigh 225 pounds. For years I complained to the doctors about the fact that the gowns were so short. Finally, I went to the fabric store and bought two yards of fabric and a pattern for a wrap-around sundress. The total cost was \$12.95. I made it long - about 8 inches below my knee - and carried it with me in a tote hag

#### - Marce in Houston

Dear Marce: That's a practical solution for a person who's handy with a needle - the sew-

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to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

Dear Annie: I have been married for 25 years and love my husband dearly. Three months ago "Nelson" was offered a ood job in Maryland. good job in Maryiand. However, it meant we had to move five hours from my children and grandchildren, and it is tearing me apart. I thought I would be able to handle the distance, but I can't.

My daughter is now separated from her hus band, and I feel I should be there for her and the children My husband has said that if I am so unhappy, he will give up the job and we will move back. But, Annie, I know that he is enjoying his new position, and I don't want to make him move.

I am depressed. I cry a lot. I have gotten a job in a large office, but I still am lonely for my family and friends. I said I would give it a year, but it is so much harder than I thought

- My Heart is in New York Dear N.Y.: Of course it's hard to move away from the home you've known and the family you



the best of circumstanc es. However, you need to give Maryland a

Maryland is not that far away from New York. Can you save up mileage so you can visit your daughter perhaps one weekend a month (more often if you can afford it)?

Have you joined a church or synagogue where you can become involved in its activities? Does your new apartment, condo or neighborhood have a social committee? These efforts will provide a distraction from your unhappiness and allow you to make new friends. Please hang in there a little longer be fore giving up.

Dear Annie: I was raised not to make noise when I eat. I don't smack, crunch or chew with my mouth open

I realize some foods make ise, like crackers or cucum bers, but in my group of friends,

Move stressful, but give it a chance

the ice in her drink. This is like nails on a blackboard to the rest of us. The subject has been brought to her attention, but she told us in no uncertain terms that she liked to crunch ice and

doesn't plan to stop.
We realize this is not an earthshaking problem, just an annoy-ing one. Now what do we do, er than dissolve the group get-together, which we really don't want to do? Ear plugs?

- Deafened in South Carolina Dear S.C.: Your friend may have an iron deficiency. One of the symptoms is the desire to crunch ice. Really. Tell her you are worried about her health and suggest she talk to her doctor Beyond that, there's not much you can do to dissuade her from crunching. If she is too inconsid erate to stop when asked, you might want to avoid including her in these outings.

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# **Best part of rematch is that it is over**

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INDIANAPOLIS Once again, a player went into the stands. Once again, it involved the Detroit Pistons and Indiana Pacers, Can't we all get along? As a matter of fact, we can. His name is Antonio McDyess, the soft-spoken, perpetually easy-going forward for the De-

troit Pistons. Her name is Linda Taylor, a resident of Greenwood, Ind., and on this day, she was sitting in the first row in the southwestern cor-

ner of Conseco Fieldhouse They met in the second quarter, as McDvess, chasing a loose ball that was heading out of

bounds, crashed into Taylor. "A couple of seconds later, we were standing there at the free-throw line, and I saw her leaning over, like she was bleeding from her nose or mouth or something," McDyess said. "I was trying to stop myself from running into her, but I hit her pretty good. I think I got her with my elbow."

Shortly thereafter, a timeout was called, and McDyess went back into the stands

### Commentary

"You OK?" he asked Taylor as she held a tissue to her face. Her nose was bleeding and there was a cut iust above her lip. "I'm really, really sorry.

Taylor, stunned to see McDye ss in her face a second time,

laughed. "You owe me," she told him with a smile. "You owe me."

As McDyess returned to the court, the crowd nearby gave him a warm ovation.

It wasn't any grand gesture, nothing that would make the horrific brawl dissipate into the mists of time, but it was honorable and human and decent, and represented everything the vast majority of these guys are all about. On a day when Game 1 was hailed as The Brawl Redux and Game 2 was billed as The Return of Shaq and Kobe, this little moment was the best moment of all, the one that gave us the best and most accurate view of people we too often see as TV carica tures

Be honest now: Didn't the

all our worst biases about professional basketball players? That they're arrogant and overpaid, spoiled and immature? For many of the players involved in the fracas, that was the worst part of the fallout, far worse than the suspensions or the lost salary; that now, fans would see them as bad actors instead of hard-working professional athletes who are husbands and fathers and contribu-

tors to the community. "A lot of people only know me by what they saw on TV," Jermaine O'Neal said after his first game back from suspension. Pub lic perception is no small issue for a player like O'Neal. Not because the good-guy persona will help him get more endorsements, but because he wants to be seen for who he is. This, remember, is the person who fulfilled a local high school girl's dreams by escorting her to her senior prom.

What we witnessed Saturday was everything the NBA and these two solid franchises wanted and needed: A tough, well-played game devoid of ugly incidents or misbehavior. It was as if a giant sprig of mistletoe had been hung from the fieldhouse scoreboard

Before the game, both teams presented youngsters with books as gifts, and they weren't copies of Sun Tzu's "The Art of War.

Sure, there were boos - and who ever thought Rasheed would be the more popular Wallace when the Pistons came to town? But it was nothing out of the ordinary, a testament both to the fans good sense and the obvious securi ty presence. (And maybe the fact that our great state doesn't sell alcohol on Christmas)

So this game, finally, is over, accompanied by a giant civic exhala-

And for the Pistons, there is some closure. For weeks, coach Larry Brown

has been doing what he does second best, right behind coaching: complaining. He lost one player for six games while the Pacers and their season, were essentially gutted, yet Brown did exponen tially more complaining in the aftermath than did anybody in the Pacers organization.

After Saturday's game, though he seemed almost sanguine. At least by Brown's standards.

"My biggest hope is that we've

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all learned from that (the brawl) although, obviously I didn't by the way I acted the other night, he said, referring to the \$15,000 fine he received for verbally as-saulting an official Wednesday night. "But the fact that we could come in here and the crowd could be the way they were, and the players conducted themselves like they did, hopefully people will under stand that that was just an unfortunate incident that never really happens and, I would hope, won't ever happen again '

no closure. And there won't be until this season is finished. Ron Artest is gone for the year. Jack son still has a few weeks to go

It's entirely possible that just as Pacers coach Rick Carlisle is re-installing plays for O'Neal, some judge in New York will put O'Neal right back on the bench Like Carlisle needs more head

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#### Pro baseball

## Remaining free agents

NEW YORK — The 105 remaining free agents (a-rejected arbitration and may negotiate with former team through Jan. 8):

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ANAHEIM (2) — Shane Halter, 3b; Aaron Shaheim (2) — Shane Halter, 3b; Aaron Shaheim (3) — Shane Halter, 3b; Aaron Shaheim (4) — Shane Halter, 3b; Aaron Shaheim (5) — Shane Halter, 3b; Aaron Shaheim (6) — Shaheim

Sele, rhp.

BALTIMORE (4) — Marty Cordova, dh
Omar Daal, lhp; Buddy Groom, lhp; David

egui, dh. **BOSTON (10)** — Terry Adams, rhp; a-Pedro staclo, rhp; Ellis Burks, dh; Ricky Gutierrez. b; Curtis Leskanic, rhp; a-Derek Lowe, rhp; -Dave McCarty, 1b; Ramiro Mendoza, rhp; -Pokey Reese, 2b; Scott Williamson, rhp. **CHICAGO (2)** — Roberto Alomar, 2b; Mag-

lio Ordonez, of. CLEVELAND (1) — Rick White, rhp. DETROIT (1) - Alan Levine, rhp.
KANSAS CITY (2) - Juan Gonzalez, of: Des

Balaford, 3b.

\*\*NEW YORK (8) — Miguel Cairo, 2b; Tony
Clark, lb; Travis Lee, 1b; Esteban Loaiza,
rhp; C.J. Nitkowski, lhp; John Olerud, 1b;
a-Ruben Sierra, dh; Enrique Wilson, 2b.

\*\*OAKLAND 3) — Chris Hammond, lhp; Jim
Meclir, rhp; Mark McLemore, 2b.

\*\*EATTLE (1) — Edgar Martinez, dh.

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Martinez, 1b; Todd Ritchie, rhp; Rey
Sanchez 7b,

TORONTO (5) — Dave Berg, of; Valerio De Los Santos, lhp; Carlos Delgado, lb; Pat Hent gen, rhp; a-Gregg Zaun, c. NATIONAL LEAGUE ARIZONA (6) — Carlos Baerga, lb; Dann Bautista, of; Mike Fetters, rhp; Shane Rey nolds, rhp; Scott Service, rhp; Steve Sparks

hp.
ATLANTA (1) — a-Jaret Wright, rhp.
CHICAGO (7) — Moises Alou, of; Paul Bako,
Tom Goodwin, of; Ben Grieve, of; Mark
rudzielanek, 2b; a-Todd Hollandsworth, of;

rudzielanes, 20, 6 0000 amon Martinez, 85. CINCINNATI (4) — Darren Bragg, of; Barry arkin. SS: Todd Van Poppel, rhp; Gabe

White, lhp.

COLORADO (3) — Jeromy Burnitz, of;
hawn Estes, lhp; Steve Reed, rhp.

FLORIDA (4) — Chad Fox, rhp; Josias Mananillo, rhp; Mike Mordecai, 3b; a-Ismael Val-

anillo, rhp; Mike Mordecal, 3r; a-ismae var-HOUSTON (3) — a-Carlos Bettran, of: Dan HOUSTON (3) — a-Carlos Bettran, of: Dan HOUSTON (3) — Elmér Dessens, rhp; LOS AMGELES (7) — Elmér Dessens, rhp; HOUSTON (3) — ROMER (3) — Paul Shuey, HOUSTON (3) — ROMER (4) — Paul Shuey, NEW YORK (4) — Ricky Bottalico, rhp; John NEW YORK (4) — Ricky Bottalico, rhp; John HOUSTON (4) — RICKY BOTTALICO, rhp; John HOUSTON (4) — RICKY BOTTALICO, rhp; John NEW YORK (4) — RICKY BOTTALICO, rhp; John NEW Y

oberto Hernandez, rnp; Kevin Millwoou, hp; Eric Milton, lhp. PITTSBURGH (1) — Brian Boehringer, rhp. ST. LOUIS (1) — Ray Lankford, of. SAN DIEGO (6) — Andy Ashby, rhp; Rich Au-llia, ss; Robert Fick, dh; Alex Gonzalez, ss;

Dave Hansen, 1b; Antonio Osuna, rhp.

SAN FRANCISCO (2) — Dave Burba, rhp

#### Free-agent signings

NEW YORK — The 102 free agents who have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract. The contract information was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management

sources: AMERICAN LEAGUE
ANAHEIM (4) — Signed Steve Finley, of, Los
Angeles, to a \$14 million, two-year contract;
signed Esteban Yan, rhp, Detroit, to a \$2.25 signed Esteban Yan, mp, betroit, to a \$2.22 million, two-year contract; signed Paul Byrd rhp, Atlanta, to a \$4.5 million, one-year contract; signed Orlando Cabrera, ss, Boston, to a \$32 million, four-year contract.

BALTIMORE (3) — Re-signed B.J. Surhoff of to a \$1.1 million, one-year contract; or, to a \$1.1 million, one-year contract; signed Chris Gomez, ss, Toronto, to a minor league contract (\$825,000); signed Steve Kline, lhp, St. Louis, to a \$5.5 million,

wo-year contract. Signed Doug Mirabelli, c. to a \$3 million, two-year contract; signed to a \$3 million, two-year contract; signed Matt Mantel, ripp, Airona, to a \$75,000, one-year contract; signed David Wells, lipp, San Diego, to an \$8 million, two-year contract; signed John Halama, lipp, Tampa Bay, Tampa B t; signed John Halama, inp. I ampa i: \$1 million, one-year contract; sign ar Renteria, ss, St. Louis, to a \$40 milli year contract; signed Matt Clem-Chicago Cubs, to a \$25.5 mill e-year contract; re-signed Ja tek, c, to a \$40 million, four-year c

tract.

CHICAGO (3) — Signed Dustin Hermanson, rhp, San Francisco, to a \$5.5 million two-year contract; signed Jermalne Dye, of, Oakland, to a \$10.15 million, two-year con-Oakland, to a \$10.15 million, two-year con-tract; signed Orlando Hernandez, rhp, New York Yankees, to an \$8 million, two-year con-

tract. VELAND (2) — Re-signed Bob Wick-man, rhp. to a \$2.75 million, one-year con-tract; signed Jose Hernandez, 2b, Los Ange-les, to a \$1.8 million, one-year contract. DETROIT (1) — Signed Troy Percival, rhp, Anahelm, to a \$12 million, two-year con-

RANSAS CITY (2) — Re-signed Kevin Appi er, rhp, to a minor league contract (\$500,000); signed Jose Lima, rhp, Los Ange-

ss, to a one-year contract.

MINNESOTA (4) — Signed Juan Castro, 3b, incinnati, to a \$2.05 million, two-year conact; signed Mike Redmond, c, Florida, to a Cincinnati, to a \$2.05 million, two-year con-tract; signed Mike Redmond, c, Florida, to a \$1.8 million, two-year contract; re-signed Brad Radke, rhp. to an \$18 million, two-year

contract; re-signed Terry Mulholland, lhp, to a minor league contract (\$750,000). NEW YORK (3) — Re-signed John Flaherty, c, to an \$800,000, one-year contract; signed Tony Womack, 2b, St. Louis, to a \$4 million, two-year contract; signed Carl Pavan, rb Florida, to a \$39.55 million, four-year con-

tract.

SEATTLE (4) — Re-signed Dan Wilson, c. to a \$1.75 million, one-year contract: signed Richie Sexson, 1b, Arizona, to a \$50 million, four-year contract; signed Adrian Beltre, 3b, Los Angeles, to a \$54 million, five-year contract; announced Ron Villone, lhp, accepted

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TEXAS (7) — Re-signed Doug Brocail, rhp o a \$1 million, one-year contract; signed andy Alomar Jr., c, Chicago White Sox, to a andy Alomar Jr., c, Chicago white 504, to 550,000, one year contract; re-signe fanny Alexander, 2b, to a minor league cor Manny Alexander, 2b, to a minor league Con-ract (\$385,000); re-signed John Wasdin, rhp to a minor league contract (\$555,000); signed Richard Hidalgo, of, New York Mets to a \$5 million, one-year contract; signed Greg Colbrunn, Ib, Arizona, to a minor league contract (\$650,000); re-signed David Deflucci, of, to a \$1.8 million, two-year con-

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tract signed Henry Blanco, c, Minriesofa, to 32,7 million, two-year contract 32,7 million, two-year contract signed Bavid Weathers, rhp. Florida, to a 51.25 million, one-year contract; signed Kent Mercker, lip, Chicago Cubs, to a 52,6 million, one-year contract, 32.15 million, one-year contract, one-year contract, 20.108,000 (2) — Re-signed Todd Greene, C, to a \$750,000, one-year contract Coloration (2) — Resigned Supplies (2) — Resigned Supplies (3) — Resigned Supplies (4) — Resigned Supplies (5) — Resigned Supplies (5) — Resigned Supplies (5) — Resigned Supplies (6) — R

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FLORIDA (5) — Re-signed Damion Easley, b. to a \$750,000, one-year contract.

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San Francisco, to a \$2.5 million, two-year contract; signed Jeff Kent, 2b, Houston, to a contract; signed Jeff Kent, 2b, Houston, to a son Allvarez, l.lp. to a \$4 million, two-year contract; signed Jose Valentin, 3b, Chicago White Sox, to a \$3.5 million, one-year contract; signed J.D. Drew, of, Atlanta, to a \$55 million, fley-year contract.

Signed Mark Sweeney, of Coorado, to a San Pask-MSCO (S)—Signed Omar Vizquel, ss. Cleveland, to a \$12.25 million, three-year contract; signed Armando Beniez, rhp, Florida, to a \$21.5 million, three-year contract; signed Mise Matheny, c. St. Louis, to a \$10.5 million, three-year contract; signed Mise Matheny minor league contract; re-signed Jason Christianson, lhp, to a \$1.15 million, one-year contract.

ne-year contract.

JAPANESE CENTRAL LEAGUE

YOMIURI (1) — Signed Gabe Kapler,
on, to a one-year contract

#### College football

#### Bowl glance

Tuesday, Dec. 14 New Orleans Bowl Payout: \$750,000 Southern Mississippi 31, North Tuesday, Dec. 21 Champs Sports Bov At Orlando, Fla. Payout: \$850,000 h Texas 10

GMAC Bowl Mobile, Ala. Payout: \$750,000 ng Green 52, Memphis 35 Thursday, Dec. 23 Fort Worth (Texas) Be Payout: \$750,000 nati 32, Marshall 14 Las Vegas Bowl Payout: \$575,000

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Payout: \$850,000 Georgia Tech 51, Syracuse 14 Wednesday, Dec. 22 GMAC Bowl Mobile, Ala,

Payout: \$575,000
Wyoming 24, UCLA 21
Friday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
Payout: \$750,000
Hawaii 59, UAB 40

Monday, Dec. 27 MPC Computers Bo At Boise, Idaho Payout: \$750.000

Thursday, Dec. 30 At Charlotte, N.C. Payout: \$750,000 ege (8-3) vs. No

Emerald Bowl At San Francisco Payout: \$750,000 (7-4) vs. Navy (9-2) Holiday Bowl

New Mexico (7-4) vs. Navy (9-2)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Payout: \$2 million
California (10-1) vs. Texas Tech (7-4)
Silicon Valley Classic
At San Jose, Calif.
Payout: \$750,000
Troy (7-4) vs. Northern Illinois (8-3)

Friday, Dec. 31 Music City Bowl At Nashville, Ten Music City Bowl At Nashville, Tenn. Payout: \$780,000 (6-5) vs. Minnesota (6-5)

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Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Payout: \$1.5 million
-4) vs. Arizona State (8-3)
Liberty Bowl
Liberty Bowl
At State (10-1)
-2 (10-1) Vs. Louisville (10-1)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Payout: \$2.2 million

At Atlanta
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8-3) vs. Flor(da (7-4)
Saturday, Jan. 1
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Payout: \$3 million
see (9-3) vs. Tevas A&M (7-4)
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Atlanta (9-2) vs. Georgia (9-2)

Wisconsin (9:2) vs. Georgia (9:2) Gator Bywl At Jacksonville, Fla. Florida State (19:4) At Orlando, Fla. Gapital One Bowl At Orlando, Fla. Iowa (9:2) vs. Rose Bowl At Pasadena, Calif.

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Fiesta Bowl At Tempe, Ariz, Payout: \$11-14 millio Utah (11-0) vs. Pittsburgh (8-3) Monday, Jan, 3 Sugar Bowl At New Orleans At New Orleans Payout: \$11-14 million rn (12-0) vs. Virginia Tech (10-2)

Tuesday, Jan. 4 Orange Bowl At Miami Payout: \$11-14 million Cal (12-0) vs. Oklahoma (12-0)

Saturday, Jan. 15 Gridiron Classic At The Villages, Fla. h vs. South
East-West Shrine Classic
At San Francisco
vs. West
Saturday, Jan. 22
Hula Bowl
At Maui, Hawaii

Saturday, Jan. 29 Senior Bowl At Mobile, Ala.

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#### College basketball

### Men's AP Top 25 fared

Week of Dec. 19-25
1. Illinois (11-0) beat Missouri 70-64.
2. Kansas (8-0) beat Wisconsin-Milw Oklahoma State (9-0) beat Northwest-ern Oklahoma 92-35.

4. North Carolina (9-1) beat Vermont 93-65 5. Wake Forest (10-1) beat New Mexico 81-64. ike (8-0) did not play. rracuse (11-1) beat Cornell 82-69; beat Rice 88-72. 8. Kentucky (8-1) beat William & Mary

r. Georgia Tech (8-1) beat Charleston hern 90-48. Southern 90-48. 10. Pittsburgh (9-0) beat Richmond 69-60. 11. Connecticut (6-1) beat Central Connect icut State 87-59. 12. Washington (10-1) beat Sacred Heart 114-53; beat Houston 110-63. nzaga (9-1) beat Eastern Washing ton 83-70.

ton 83-70.

14. Arizona (8-2) beat Manhattan 105-75.

15. Texas (8-2) beat Centenary 97-52.

16. North Carolina State (9-1) beat Brigham Young 72-61.

17. lowa (10-1) beat Texas Tech 83-53.

18. Louisville (8-2) beat Indiana-Purdue-indianapolis 36-60; beat Austin Peay 77-49.

19. Alabama (10-1) beat Texas A&M-Corpus Christl 76-54.

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20. George Washington (8-1) beat Florida International 81-71. 21. Mississippi State (11-2) beat Florida A&M 104-80; beat Jacksonville State 95-53. 22. Cincinnati (9-0) beat Jackson State 95-43; beat La Salle 84-63. 95-94; Deat La Salle 84-63. 23. Michigan State (7-2) beat UCLA 76-64. 24. Maryland (7-2) beat American 82-61. 25. Virginia (8-1) beat Loyola Marymoun 79-77. OT.

#### Women's AP Top 25 fared Week of Dec. 19-25 1. LSU (11-0) beat UC Santa Barbara 72-52. 2. Stanford (8-1) lost to No. 9 Tennessee

1-67. 3. Duke (11-1) beat Ball State 81-31.

s. Duke (11-1) beat Ball State 81-31.
4. Texas (6-2) beat Texas-Arlington 69-24.
5. Baylor (9-1) did not play.
6. North Carolina (9-1) did not play.
7. Notre Dame (10-1) did not play.
8. Connecticut (5-2) lost to Artzona State 61-30; beat Colorado State 63-40.
78.77 cmessee (6-2) beat No. 2 Stanford 78.77 No. 2 Stanford Ohio State (11-1) beat No. 20 UCLA . Michigan State (10-1) beat Vermont

 Texas Tech (7-2) beat Penn State 79-65.
 Minnesota (9-2) beat Drake 74-57.
 Boston College (8-1) defeated Saint Joeph's 65-41. eph's 65-41. 15. Georgia (9-3) beat Marist 79-62. 16. Vanderbilt (9-1) beat BYU 86-47; beat epperdine 78-46. 17. Maryland (8-1) beat Coppin State 83-51. 18. Iowā (10-0) beat Western Illinois 76-69.

19. DePaul (8-2) beat St. Peter's 86-61. 20. UCLA (6-3) lost to No. 10 Ohio State 83-60. (0-3) iost to No. 10 Ohio State 83-61. Purdue (6-3) did not play. 22. Houston (9-2) lost to Long Beach State 54-52 4-52. 23. Kansas State (6-2) did not play. 24. Rutgers (6-2) did not play. 25. Utah (8-3) lost to Oklahoma 72-54

#### Hockey

#### World Junior Championship

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United States vs. Switzerland
At Thief River Falls, Minn.
Czech Republic vs. Russia
Finland vs. Slovakia
Tuesday, Dec. 28
Russia vs. Belarus
At Grand Forks, N.D.
Germany vs. Canada

Wednesday, Dec. 29 At Grand Forks, N.D.

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Switzerland vs. Russia Sweden vs. Slovakia Saturday, Jan. 1 At Grand Forks, N.D. Group A fourth-place vs. Group

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Samifinals Group B winner vs. Quarterfinal 1 winner Broup A winner vs. Quarterfinal 2 winner Monday, Jan. 3 At Grand Forks, N.D.

Quarterfinal losers Tuesday, Jan. 4 At Grand Forks, N.D. Third Place Semifinal losers Championship

Semifinal winners

#### Deals

Saturday's transactions BASEBALL
American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms
with RHP Jose Lima on a one-year contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Named Nick

coach.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Placed DT Norman
Hand on injured reserve. Signed OL Morgan
Pears from the practice squad.

TANK McNamara YOU CAN TELL THAT THE SCHOOL COULDN'T BET EXCITED BY THE "PRESTIGE".







## When hype clears, Miami stands tall

## Winning the Shaq-Kobe showdown shows Heat a contender for crown

The Miami Herald

LOS ANGELES - Can you get past all the nonsense superficiality and flashbulb-framed fluff? It isn't easy in this town, not when Nicole Kidman and Sylvester Stallone and Prince and Snoop Dogg and Dustin Hoffman are part of the glittering courtside package ing, giving up their Christmas afternoon to get closer to a basketball story equal parts soap opera

and theater of the absurd But here's what you'd have seen at the core Saturday if you weren't blinded by the combina tion of TV lights, paparazzi and star power: The Miami Heat is as good as any team in basketball. The Miami Heat is champion-

ship worthy. "I think ya'll are going to win at all," Lamar Odom of the Angeles

said Lakers after his Saturday ended on the wrong side of a 104-102 score.

This may have been the most hyped regular-season game in the history of this league, Shaquille O'Neal having called ex-team-mate Kobe Bryant a "weirdo" and a "clown" after their much-publicized breakup. This after Weirdo The Clown, in the middle of an interrogation amid his own rape allegations, told police he wished he had simply done what O'Neal always did and

paid off the accuser. This dragged basketball into some uncomfortable sewage, and shoved this high holiday and basketball right off to the side as fans wondered and whispered about whether Bryant would apologize or O'Neal would shake hands with Bryant during the pregame or whether they might just go Ron Artest all over each other amid a rain of boos.

"A relationship show," Heat coach Stan Van Gundy called it af-terward, "Dr. Phil or something, Ridiculous. You would have thought it was J-Lo and Ben Affleck breaking up."

But look past all this Hype-On-BALCO, and here's where we find ourselves today: in the single most encouraging stretch of basketball since Pat Riley arrived in Miami a decade

It isn't just the 11 straight victories, though that is cause enough for celebration. It is the way Miami (22-7) is winning. And whom it is winning against. And where it is doing the winning.

- Beating Orlando even though the Magic might have played its best game of the season against the Heat?
- Winning at Washington despite getting crushed on the offensive boards?
- Down a dozen in the final minutes on the road against a Sacramento team that had won all

hut two games against Eastern Conference teams at home the past four seasons

And following that up by beating the Lakers despite all of the following stacked up against

- Bryant scoring 42 points, more than any Heat opponent has this season.
- Odom (24 points, 11 rebounds) playing his best game as a Laker.
  - Shaq fouling out. ■ Van Gundy calling one of the
- plays he ordered at the end "gar-■ Miami, in the words of its
- coach, "looking slow and tired" in its 29th game in 53 days. ■ Hobbled Dwyane Wade play-
- ing, in his own words, "average (Such is Wade's growth and greatness that he can have 29 points and 10 assists and accurate ly call it average without it being false modesty.)

Miami keeps taking the opponent's best punch, keeps wiping the blood from its lip with a smile and keens administering the kind of beatings that makes the entire league take notice. All this while O'Neal, bored with regular seasons, continues to pace himself, and Miami figures out ways to fit around him.

"It's early, just 29 games, but can become champions, Heat guard Damon Jones said.

"We're worthy," Wade said. Yes, the season is young. And, yes, everything can unravel, as it can with any NBA team, if the wrong guy twists a knee. But you saw Saturday, again, how much O'Neal and Wade do what Bryant doesn't — namely, improving teammates with unselfish play.

Bryant's 42 points are impres sive only if you are ignoring too much else. Eighteen missed shots? Nine turnovers (more than all of Miami's players combined) And none of those points when it mattered?

By contrast, look at what O'Neal and Wade do for nomadic Damon Jones, for one, Jones has been bounced around this league more than a basketball, playing for nine teams in seven years And now all of a sudden he is the league's best three-point shooter. Not third-best. Not seventh-best. The best, bar none, with more three-pointers than Ray Allen or Peja Stojakovich.

It isn't because Jones suddenly learned how to shoot. It is be-O'Neal and Wade make the game for him.

Jones is not the modest type. calling himself the most electrifying player in the NBA, but even he sees this for what it is.

Asked, one to one hundred, what percentage of his success this year can be attributed to O'Neal, Jones laughs and says, "100 percent.

O'Neal is the reason Wade is so much better, and Jones is so



Miami Heat center Shaquille O'Neal had 24 points in his first game against the Los Angeles Lakers since being traded to the Miami Heat during the offseason. The Heat won 104-102 in overtime.

much better and even Christian Laettner is so much better. O'Neal, teamed with Bryant, propped up has-beens like Ron Harper and Rick Fox and Robert Horry and Brian Shaw and made them nothing less than champions. He has inherited a younger, hungrier bunch in Miami personified by the remarkably gritty Udonis Haslem

And as he left his court a loser for the 12th time in 26 games on Saturday, after he walked past all those movie stars and into a locker room he completely dismantled with his arrogance and greed and selfishness. Kobe Bryant had to know this as he joined his team: He is going to rue running off O'Neal only for the rest of his baskethall life

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## Knicks' balance too much for 'Cats

NEW YORK - Tim Thomas scored 20 points to lead five New York starters in double figures Sunday, pacing the Knicks to a 91-82 victory over the Charlotte Bobcats

The Knicks, who this month lost in Charlotte despite 41 points from Jamal Crawford. played without their injured shooting guard this time. Crawford was placed on injured re-serve with turf toe of his right

Several Knicks took turns filling in for Crawford, including Allan Houston, who had 16 points. Forward Kurt Thomas had 10 points, center Nazr Mohammed added 16 and point guard Stephon Marbury overcame a poor start to score 14.

Emeka Okafor had 23 points and 15 rebounds for the Bobcats for his 15th straight double-double, the most in a row by a rookie since Shaquille O'Neal had 15 straight for Orlando during the 1992-93 sea-

Primoz Brezec scored 13 of his 16 points in the first quarter for the Bobcats, who faded after leading 28-24 and looked set to crumble in the third period, finishing the quarter with almost as many turnovers (five) as baskets (six).

But in the fourth, Steve Smith hit a pair of three-pointers to cut the Knicks lead, which had been as much as 15. to 79-77 with five minutes left.

Kurt Thomas then missed an open jumper, but the re-bound came right back to the unguarded forward, and the Knicks played the clock down to 3:43 for a finger roll by Tim Thomas. His three-pointer with 25.1 seconds left secured

With Crawford and Penny Hardaway unavailable, the Knicks struggled early with their guard matchups. When Houston, still cautious with his left knee and playing fewer minutes than Crawford does, had to sit, Marbury defended the Bobcats' shooting guard, often 6-foot-5 Keith Bogans, and backup Moochie Norris deguard, Brevin Knight. The switch caused several early turnovers, and Marbury shot 1-for-8 in the first half.

Notes: Houston made his first start of the season in Crawford's place. ... Jamison Brewer replaced Crawford on the Knicks' roster. ... Charlotte was looking for its first road winning streak after winning its first away game Wednesday at Houston.

# **Expos** are gone, and soon to be forgotten

## After 36 years, team's presence reduced to vast empty spaces

BY SEAN FARRELL For The Associated Press

MONTREAL - The artificial turf is gone, leaving a concrete floor at barren Olympic Stadium and an even harder truth in Montreal: The Expos are long gone.

Since the end of the season, Claude Delorme, the Expos' executive vice president for business affairs, has overseen the winding up of the team's operations.

"There's no doubt that we pro longed our life," Delorme said "We were able to extend ourselves a few extra years that peonle didn't think we would '

Delorme's unenviable new role hegan in earnest on Sept. 29 when team president Tony Tavares confirmed the franchise's long-anticipated move to Washington, D.C., for 2005. The Expos played their final game at Olympic Stadium that evening, an anticlimactic 9-1

Now, the protective screen behind home plate is rolled up, though it remains suspended from the desolate stadium's roof

for the moment. The padded
blue outfield walls — 325 feet in the corners, and 404 feet to dead center - have been placed in storage in the bowels of the building

Nets that served as foul noles have been removed, though the bright orange lines on the roof survive as reminders of a Dave Kingman moonshot that necessitated a new ground rule and a perilous paint job.

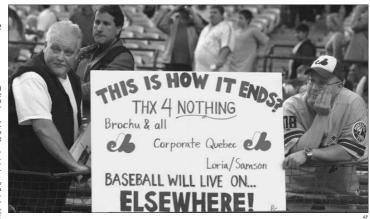
A familiar and long-serving reminder of the longest homer in stadium history has been removed, though

There is now an empty space

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> **Monique Giroux** Former media director

the city.



Some fans show their feelings before the Montreal Expos' final home game last Sept. 29. The Expos will move to Washington, D.C. next season.

where Seat 13 used to be in Section 351, Row C among the rows of grungy burnt orange seats in the stadium's distant middle deck. The yellow seat that marked Willie Stargell's mammoth 535-foot homer off Wayne Twitchell on May 20, 1978, has gone to the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame in St. Catharine's. Ontario

Back in the team's offices, a nondescript black binder sits on a shelf behind Delorme. He began putting it together three years ago and said it proved an invaluable resource in winding up the team's operations in Montreal

"It's basically a to-do list," Delorme said. "There were pages for every department and every individual. From disposal of the office furniture to ensuring that the alarm and telephone systems were canceled, it addressed the nuts and bolts of our operations."

The worst part of the job for Delorme was whittling down the staff. No one was surprised by the move, though the shock was significant after years of rumors.

"The human factor was definitely by far the biggest issue I had to deal with." Delorme said, "I really thought that we were all prepared mentally for this, but when it happened it was a lot more severe than we probably all anticipated. It was a family setting here and it was very emotional."

The Expos' remaining skeleton staff is down to 10 people. This Wednesday, the club set up card tables for a farewell lunch as several more long-serving employees worked their final day

"I don't think I've had the opportunity to really reflect and say, 'Wow, this is finished. It's time to turn the page," Delorme said. "It's probably going to happen in the next two weeks, during the Christmas holidays.

Media relations and services di rector Monique Giroux finished up work in her empty office Wednesday after sending out the Expos' last official press release, which indicated how the team's artifacts were being distributed among various caretaker institu-

An original employee who joined the expansion franchise in November 1968. Giroux was in good spirits despite the bleak envi-

"It's just like any other thing, it's the end of an era — thank you, goodbye," Giroux said, breaking into resigned laughter. "I don't have any hard feelings. It's been a great ride. The only thing I regret is that we didn't have the downtown stadium. That would have been a big asset for the city. Condominiums are under con-

struction on the site just south of the Bell Centre, where the failed stadium project would have been

The only championship in the Expos' 36-year history was the 1981 NL East title, when Montreal won a playoff against Philadelphia after finishing first in the division during the second half of the strike-shortened season.

The team's mascot, a fuzzy orange Muppet-inspired character named Youpii!, will remain in Quebec with his trademark exclamation point on his back. Enor-

mously popular with children, Youpii nonetheless will be stripped of the team's logos, which will remain property of the franchise once his rights are trans ferred

For the time being, Youpii! and Dodgers closer Eric Gagne, a Montreal native who grew up within blocks of the stadium, likely will remain the biggest links between baseball and the city that allowed Jackie Robinson to break the game's color barrier with the minor league Royals in 1946.

While she doesn't see baseball returning to Montreal any time soon. Giroux wouldn't rule out the possibility much farther down the

"It's a big market," Giroux said. "You never know.



First baseman Brad Wilkerson signs autographs before the Montreal Expos' final home game against the Florida Marlins last Sept. 29. Canada's first major professional team has been reloacted to Washington. D.C.

BY RALPH D. RUSSO

NEW YORK — Matt Leinart found a comfort zone this season. No longer worried about losing his job, the easygoing Southern California quarterback became the unquestioned leader of the Trojans. He performed the job so well in his second year as a starter that he also became The Associa

ated Press player of the year.

"A year of experience opens up so much," the Heisman Trophy winner said.

"You've been around. You're a

"You've been around. You're a veteran. You've been playing for a year. You can get so much better in a year or so."

Leinart has completed 66 percent of his passes for 2,990 yards and 28 touchdowns, guiding the top-ranked Trojans to an Orange Bowl matchup with No. 2 Oklahoma and last year's AP player of the year, Jason White.

The BCS national title game will be college football's first matchup of players with Heisman trophies. White took home last year's Heisman.

The AP player of the year vot-

The AP player of the year voting was closer than this season's Heisman balloting, but the final order was similar. Leinart received 17 votes from a nationwide panel of 64 media members.

White and his freshman teammate, Adrian Peterson, tied for second with 12 votes each.

USC tailback Reggie Bush was fourth with 11 votes and Utah quarterback Alex Smith had nine votes. Texas tailback Cedric Benson received two votes and Louis-

#### AP Player of the Year voting

ville quarterback Stefan LeFors got one.

In the Heisman balloting, Leinart easily beat out Peterson, who took second by a slim margin over White. Smith was fourth and Bush fifth.

Leinart is the fifth straight quarterback to win the AP award, following White, Iowa's Brad Banks, Florida's Rex Grossman and Oklahoma's Josh Heupel.

The award was established in 1998, and Texas tailback Ricky Williams was the first to win it. Leinart became the Trojans' starting quarterback last season.

starting quarterback last season, taking over for departed 2002 Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer. He won a four-way battle in the

preseason for the job and it took him awhile to stop looking over his shoulder to see if he was about to be taken out of the game.

"This year has been more fun because I haven't felt as much pressure," the junior said.

Playing with two NFL-caliber wideouts and behind one of the best lines in the country, Leinart passed for 3,556 yards and 38 touchdowns and led USC to a share of the national title in 2003.

This year, with receivers Mike
Williams and Keary Colbert gone
and the line retooled. Leinart was

key in pulling together the new pieces and helping the Trojans go 12-0.

12-0.
"I knew going in that I was going to have take on a different perspective," Leinart said.
And he did so without any

And he did so without any prompting from coach Pete Carroll or offensive coordinator Norm Chow.

"I took it upon myself just to be the leader," he said. "I really didn't have to change anything, just to carry the guys along until they got comfortable.

"I'm not a real vocal guy, but I can be," he said.

can be," he said.

The left-hander's laid-back leadership has set the tone for the Trojans. His poise and patience were invaluable in come-from-be-hind road victories over Virginia Tech, Stanford and Oregon State. He threw for 761 yards with six touchdowns and one interception in those games.

Leinart's consistency has been remarkable. The Trojans are 24-1 with him as a starter and have won 21 straight, heading into the BCS national title game.

Leinart has thrown at least two touchdown passes 10 times this season and 22 times in his career. USC's last game, a 29-24 victory over UCLA, was the first of his career without a touchdown pass.

Leinart has said he intends to return to USC for his senior year, but it's looking like he's a lock to be a high first-round NFL draft pick. He could even match Palmer again and go first overall.

"I'm aware of the opportunity," Leinart said. "We'll see what happens."



Southern California quarterback Matt Leinart has completed 66 percent of his passes for 2,990 yards and 28 touchdowns, guiding the top-ranked Trojans to an Orange Bowl matchup with No. 2 Oklahoma.

A year after almost losing his job, Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville guided the Tigers (12-0) to a Sugar Bowl matchup with Virginia Tech.

# AP voters select Auburn's Tuberville as college football coach of the year

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tommy Tuberville followed the most difficult season of his coaching career with the best. A year after he was nearly re-

placed by Auburn, Tuberville is The Associated Press coach of the year. "I learned a lot last year from what we went through at the end

"I learned a lot last year from what we went through at the end of the season," he said. "I've been more relaxed this season." In his sixth season at Auburn,

Tuberville has led the third-ranked Tigers to a 12-0 regular season and its first Southeastern Conference championship in 15 years. "It's probably been my easiest

season as a head coach because of the great senior leadership this team has," Tuberville said. "Coaches tend to think the

world is on their shoulders. I've delegated more authority this season than before. Because of that I think it's been an easier year."

But not quite perfect, despite the perfect record. The Tigers failed to reach the Orange Bowl to play for the Bowl Championship Series national title. Auburn never could get past Oklahoma and Southern California in the BCS standings and will play Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 3.

Tuberville did far better in the coach of the year voting than his team did in the polls. He was a runaway winner, getting 35 of the 63 votes from the panel of media members.

Utah coach Urban Meyer was second with 14 votes. Meyer led the Utes to an unbeaten season and a berth in the BCS before taking the Florida job.

USC's Pete Carroll and Iowa's Kirk Ferentz received four votes, California's Jeff Tedford got three votes and Texas-El Paso's Mike Price got two. Oklahoma's Bob Stoops and Louisville's Bobby Petrino each received one vote.

Tuberville is the second straight SEC coach to win the AP award. LSU's Nick Saban was last year's winner.

#### AP Coach of the Year voting

Coach, Team
Tommy Tuberville, Auburn
Urban Meyer, Utah
Pete Carroll, USC
Kirk Ferentz, Lowa
Jeff Tedford, California
Bobby Petrion, Louisville
Bob Stoops, Oklahoma

As disappointing as being left out of the title game has been for Tuberville and his undefeated Tigers, this season has been far more enjoyable than last.

The Tigers began the 2003 campaign ranked in the top 10 and favored to win the SEC. But they lost their first two games of the season and stumbled to a disappointing 8-5 finish. There was speculation late in the season Tuberville might be on the way out.

It almost happened. It became public that Auburn officials, including the university president, had covertly courted Louisville coach Bobby Petrino to replace Tuberville.

"A little bizarre is an understatement," Tuberville said.

## hoop coach **Phillips** resigns

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resigned Saturday as Tulsa's baskethall coach after opening 2-5

Phillips led Tulsa to the NCAA tournament in his first two seasons, but the Golden Hurricane slipped to 9,20 last year and have lost four of their past five games

"The last couple of months have been very difficult for me my family and the players," Phillips said in a statement.

"Sometimes, change can bring about growth. My hope is that all TU fans will support the players through the remainder of the sea-son and we will all witness tremendous progress

Assistant coach Alvin Williamson will take over on an interim basis. The school offered Phillips a chance to stay on as assistant athletic director

"Obviously, this is not the way that I envisioned becoming a head coach," said Williamson, who also played at Tulsa, "Coach Phillips has been very influential in my coaching career. As coaches, we're going to put our entire energy into this basketball team and our next opponent.

Phillips was hired in April 2001, inheriting a strong program built up by former coaches Tubby Smith, Bill Self and Buzz Peterson. Tulsa went to the NCAA tournament six times in eight years before Phillips took

The Golden Hurricane opened this season with a loss to Wright State, then were blown out by crosstown rival Oral Roberts. The final straw was a 91-85 home loss Wednesday to Lamar - a team that hadn't won a road game in more than a year.

Williamson, 31, is in his fourth season on the Tulsa coaching staff after previous stints as an assistant at Tulane Illinois State and Washington State

# Tulsa men's LSU's Saban agrees to coach Dolphins

Five-year contract worth nearly \$25 million has not yet been signed

By MARK LONG The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. - LSU coach Nick Saban finally turned pro Saturday, prompting a Christmas night celebration at the home of Miami Dolphins owner Wayne Huizenga.

"My wife and I high-fived each other," Huizenga said.

The billionaire businessman anxiously watched from Fort Lauderdale as Sahan held a televised news conference in Orlando to announce he would accept an offer to coach the Dolphins.

Saban, courted repeatedly by the NFL in recent years, mulled over the offer for three days before disclosing his decision shortly after the Tigers arrived in Orlando for their Jan. 1 bowl game against Iowa.

"It's a tremendous challenge for me," he said, "and a great opportunity for me and my family No contract has been signed but Saban agreed to a five-year deal worth almost \$5 million ner

He first interviewed for the job last week at his home in Baton Rouge, La., hosting Huizenga and president Eddie Jones for dinner.

He met with them again Friday and said he agreed in principle to

But Huizenga said he was unsure they had an agreement until the news conference

"If somebody held a gun to my head 10 minutes ago, I couldn't tell you," Huizenga said moments after Saban's announcement. "I had a good feeling, but I really did not know

Saban, 53, will coach LSU in the bowl game before taking over a long-proud franchise enduring its worst season since the 1960s He becomes the sixth coach in team history, and the fourth since Huizenga took over as owner in

Touted as NFL material even when he was at Michigan State in the late 1990s. Saban has turned down previous overtures from at



Nick Saban, who announced on Saturday that he will take over a Dolphins team coming off its worst season since the 1960s, will coach LSU against Iowa in the Capital One Bowl on Jan. 1 in Orlando. Fla.

least five pro teams, including Atlanta and Chicago a year ago. He has been considered the favorite to become the Dolphins' coach since Dave Wannstedt resigned last month when they were 1-8.

Upon arriving in Orlando, Saban met with his players to inform them he was leaving. Accompanied by four uniformed Louisiana police officers, he then walked through a nearly deserted hotel lobby to a huge ballroom. where he spoke to about a dozen reporters and cameramen

He said the Dolphins' job carried special appeal even though they're one of the NFL's worst teams at 3-11.

"I have a lot of respect and gratitude for everybody who has been

interested in me through the years." Saban said. "I just felt like this opportunity, with this organization, was one of the best that's ever been presented to me in terms of how you can control your destiny in the organization. the commitment the organization has to winning and the tradition

Huizenga's willingness to give Saban full authority over the foot-ball operation could mean the demotion or departure of general manager Rick Spielman.

that they have in winning.'

Sahan is 9,2 this season and 48-15 in five years at LSU, taking his team to a bowl game every sea-

"It's the most self-gratifying experience I've had as a coach," Saban said. "But I've always been driven by challenges - the next challenge that makes driven people want to take advantage of the next opportunity

The highest-paid coach in college football, Saban is in the first year of an \$18.45 million, seven-year contract at LSU, but the deal has no buyout clause penalizing him for taking another

LSU went 3-8 the year before he arrived and 8-4 in his first season. A Southeastern Conference title followed in 2001, and he led the Tigers to last season's BCS national championship.

You look around and say, 'OK, who's out there that's better than that?" "Huizenga said. "I couldn't that? find anybody.

The other candidates interviewed by Huizenga were former Oakland Raiders coach Art Shell and Dolphins interim coach Jim Bates, Many Miami players lobbied for Huizenga to keep Bates, who is 2-3 since being promoted from defensive coordinator. His team plays Cleveland on Sunday

Bates may return to his former job next season.

"I think if we talk about it we'll know if it works for both of us. Saban said. He and Bates were as sistants together with the Browns in 1991-1993.

Also on that staff was Saban's close friend Bill Belichick, coach of the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots. They now become AFC East rivals.

Saban's other NFL experience was as an assistant coach with the Houston Oilers in 1988-89 LSU defensive end Melvin Oliva

er said players recognized Saban had an opportunity he couldn't pass up.

"We're taking it in stride " Oliv. er said. "He's got to do what's best for him and his family. We understand fully."

Oliver also said Saban's deci-sion won't affect the team's prepa-

rations for the bowl game. "The coach is dedicated, and

this won't be a distraction." Oliv-

#### Right-hander Lima rejoins Royals with one-year contract The pitching staff had only The junior running back ran

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Jose Lima rejoined the Kansas City Royals when he agreed to a one-vear contract Saturday, hoping to provide stability and leader ship to a rotation that was awful last season Lima, who pitched for the Roy-

als in 2003, spent this year with Los Angeles, going 13-5 with a 4.07 ERA. He walked 34 and struck out 93 in 1701/3 innings then threw a shutout in the NL playoffs against St. Louis. In 12 major league seasons, the

right-hander is 84-82 with a 5.00 ERA. His best stretch came in 1998 and '99, when he went 16-8 and 21-10, respectively, for the Houston Astros.

"He's a proven guy that can give you innings and wants the

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ball in big situations, so we're glad to have him," Royals General Manager Allard Baird said

Terms of the deal were not immediately available

Two years ago, Kansas City plucked Lima from the roster of the Newark Bears of the independent Atlantic League at midsea son. His 8-3 record with a 4.91 ERA in 14 starts beloed the Royals to their first winning record in a non-strike year since 1993.

But in 2004, the Royals plagued by injuries that kept their pitching staff unsettled throughout the season - lost a team-record 104 games.

three shutouts and recorded the AL's worst ERA (5.15). Late in the season, things got so bad that left-hander Darrell May blamed his league-high 19 losses and 5.61 ERA on poor run support and ineffective relievers.

May was traded to San Diego last month, opening up a spot in a rotation that includes Jimmy Gobble, Runelvys Hernandez, Brian Anderson and Zack Greinke.

#### Vanderbilt RB Doster shot to death TAMPA, Fla. - Vanderbilt run-

ning back Kwane Doster was shot to death early Sunday when some one fired at the parked car he was in, police said.

Doster, 21, of Tampa, died at Tampa General Hospital after

being shot near the Ybor City nightlife district, police spokesman Joe Durkin said. Detectives were trying to find the killer and determine a motive.

Doster and two friends had

stopped their car while "cruising around" when another car pulled up beside them, Durkin said. Several shots were fired at

Doster's car, and one hit him in the chest while he was sitting behind the driver. No one else was hurt.

"I don't believe any words were exchanged," Durkin said, adding that investigators didn't know if Doster was the intended

Police believe three people were in the other car.

A message left for a Vanderbilt spokesman on Sunday was not im-

mediately returned.

for 437 yards and one touchdown this season for the Commodores (2-9). For his career, Doster had 1 621 yards rushing 256 yards receiving and seven touchdowns.

#### **Defending junior hockey** champ U.S. opens with win

GRAND FORKS, N.D. - Dan Fritsche scored twice - including a tiebreaking short-handed goal — to lead the defending champion United States team to a 5-4 victory over Russia on Saturday night in the opening round of the World Junior Hockey Championshin

Fritsche's second goal, scored midway through the second period was the winner The Americans took leads of 2-0, 3-2 and 4-3 against Russia, the tournament champion in 2002 and 2003.

# **Broncos still in playoff race**

BY TERESA M. WALKER The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Jake Plummer broke out of his slump with a nearly perfect start and kept the Denver Broncos in the

playoff race. Plummer threw for 303 yards and two touchdowns, and Reuben Droughns scored three TDs as the Broncos heat the Tennessee Titans 37-16 Saturday night to stay in at least a tie for the AFC's final wild-card slot going into the final week of the season

Denver (9-6) had lost three of its last four games with two of those losses to teams with losing records, including last week's 45-17 rout at Kansas City. Plummer hurt Denver more than he helped with nine interceptions and only two touchdowns during that stretch.

Against a defense missing six starters, Plummer had one pass intercepted, giving him NFL-high 20 this season, but otherwise was superb.

The Broncos gave coach Mike Shanahan his 100th regular-season victory with the franchise by handing his friend, Titans coach Jeff Fisher, his worst home loss in six seasons at The Coliseum. Seeing such a performance from his heavily criticized quarterback didn't hurt either.

"For him to come back and fight the way he did under the circumstances, I was pleased," Shanahan said.

The past month hadn't been easy for Plummer, who struggled on the field and off, even paying a fine last week for an obscene gesture. He couldn't have started this game much better.

He completed his first eight passes, had a perfect passer rating of 158.3 in the first quarter



Denver Broncos running back Reuben Droughns (34) scored three touchdowns and rushed for 91 yards against the Titans on Saturday.

and was 10-for-11 for 144 yards early in the second. He helped Denver score on its first three nos sessions for a 17-3 lead. He had a 23-yard TD pass to Droughns on the first drive for a lead the Broncos didn't relinquish

Plummer was not sacked and finished 21-for-26.

'It is always good for a quarter back to have confidence, especial-ly after all of the criticism." Denver receiver Ashlev Lelie said. "For him to step up and play like he did just shows what type of character he has. We all thank Jake for playing as well as he did."

Denver handed the Titans (4-11) their fifth straight loss by shutting down Billy Volek, who was trying to become the first quarterback in NFL history to throw for 400 yards in three consecutive games.

Reggie Hayward had three of the Broncos' six sacks, and the defense also forced two turnovers and limited Tennessee to a season-low 153 vards of offense. The Titans dropped to 1-6 at home this season before a stadium that was nearly empty in the final minutes on the cold Christmas night.

'We wanted to bounce back," Hayward said. "We got embarrassed last week. We wanted to come back with a strong showing against Tennessee.

The Broncos even knocked Volek out of the game in the fourth quarter with a bruised left knee, forcing the Titans to use Doug Johnson for the first time this season, with Steve McNair wearing street clothes on the sideline because of his bruised chest.

Volek was 8-of-20 for 111 yards X-rays of his knee were negative.

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## Late FG lifts Chiefs past Raiders

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BY DOUG TUCKER The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - As the Kansas City Chiefs moved into position for the game-winning field goal, Lawrence Tynes was wishing he'd washed his car.

That's always been the game-day good luck charm for Kansas City's rookie kicker. But he went ahead and drilled a 38-varder with 22 seconds left. lifting the Chiefs to a 31-30 victory Saturday over the Oakland Raiders.

"It was too cold this morning (to wash the car)," Tynes said after booting his first game-winning field goal in the NFL. "I was thinking I should have washed it.

No matter how filthy Tynes' transportation might be, he probably would never have gotten on the field if not for Dante Hall's 49-yard kickoff return after Sebastian Janikowski's third field goal, a 46-yarder, put the Raiders on top 30-28 with 1:03 to play.

Hall waited as the expected squib kick bounced perfectly into his arms and then set sail behind some excellent blocks. "Most teams in situations like that tend to squib

kick them," Hall said. "It was just a matter of catching it, finding the right bounce." It was the fourth victory in a row for the Chiefs

(7-8), whose Super Bowl hopes were dashed by opening 1-3 and enduring a four-game losing streak in November. Janikowski scored the last nine points for Oak-

land (5-10) on three field goals, including a 45-yarder that made it 28-27 with 3:49 left

"This is very frustrating," Oakland running back

Amos Zereoue said. "You can't ask for much more than we gave out there." Hall was not stopped until Janikowski got him on

Then Trent Green, whose fumble had led to Jania kowski's go-ahead field goal, completed passes to Chris Horn and Tony Gonzalez and Tynes trotted

onto the field. "Anybody who says they're not nervous in a situation like that is lying," said Tynes. "My mom's been sick and she was here for the first time. It's pretty special. It's pretty cool.

Holding for Tynes, who missed from 50 yards and had another attempt blocked, was punter Nick Murphy, who was signed at midweek

We knew it was going to come down to stopping them on defense one more time," Oakland defensive tackle Warren Sapp said. "We just couldn't get the little fella down. He made an excellent return.

For much of the game, two of the worst defenses in the NFL seemed bent on proving statistics don't always lie. But it looked like the last crucial mistake be-

longed to the Kansas City offense when Ted Washington recovered Green's fumble on the Oakland 43 with 1:42 to play and Janikowski converted a field goal. He also had a 40-yarder that put the Raiders

on top 24-21 in the final seconds of the third quarter. Green hit 32 of 45 passes for 358 yards and two touchdowns to tight Tony Gonzalez, Oakland's Kerry Collins was 18-for-37 for 217 yards and a pair of touchdowns

"Thanks to the special teams for saving me today," said Green

## White: DE helped guide Packers to Super Bowl

WHITE, FROM BACK PAGE

White played a key role in free agency — he was one of the plain-tiffs in the lawsuit that led to the current system. White signed as a free agent

with Green Bay in 1993 for \$17 million over four years. His signing, along with a trade for Favre, helped make the Packers champions again. He was the first major black player to sign with the Packers as a free agent.

"He meant as much to us off the field as much as on it," said Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association. 'He had is name on the lawsuit and he didn't get one penny. That's just the type of guy he was His character, his integrity was everything any NFL player should aspire to be."

His decision to choose the Pack ers was a surprise. While visiting various teams, he suggested he would prefer a major city, where he could minister to black youth.

The Packers made consecutive

Super Bowl appearances, including a win over New England in 1997, when White set a Super Bowl record with three sacks.

White worked tirelessly in the offseason with inner-city youths. But his image was tarnished

when he gave a speech in which he denounced homosexuality and used ethnic stereotypes. White later apologized.

White was 39 when he finished his NFL career with Carolina his third retirement. He retired for one day before the 1998 season, but then said God had told him he needed to play again, and he returned to the Packers.

White retired again after the 1998 season and took a year off from football. After the Packers allowed him out of his contract. White returned to play for the Panthers.

"I will always miss the locker room and the guys, but I know God's will for me to move on to other challenges because it's not in me like it used to be." White said at the time.

# Steelers secure bye, home-field advantage

Pittsburgh Steelers guarterback Ben Roethlisberger (7) dives over **Baltimore Ravens** defensive tackle Maake Kemoeatu. left, as he scram bles while Ravens defensive tackle Kelly Gregg, right, pursues during the second quarter on Sunday in Pittsburgh.



The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH - Just like their previous game, the Baltimore Ravens put a Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback out with an injury. They accomplished little else on a day the Steelers made certain they won't leave Pitts-burgh until the Super Bowl if they keep winning.

Still-unbeaten Ben Roethlisberger threw two touchdown passes in a run-heavy offense before being nulled from a 20-7 victory Sunday with an unspecified injury caused by a blindside hit on a scoring pass.
Pittsburgh (14-1) wrapped up

home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs and a first-round bye. But a team already playing without six injured regulars sustained two more injuries, as Roethlisberger and corken right hand) left during the fourth quarter.

"We have a lot of guys hurt right now, but now we control our own destiny," wide receiver Hines Ward said. "Now teams are going to have to come in and deal with the weather, the field and our fans. You couldn't ask for a better situation."

Except to be healthier. Roethlisberger was assisted off the field, a large clump of grass sticking out of the left side of his face mask, after being leveled by Terrell Suggs on a 2-yard touch down pass to Jerame Tuman. Suggs was penalized for roughing the passer, but the play did not touch off any incidents.

Roethlisberger, who like many NFL quarterbacks wears a protec-tive jacket around his ribs, returned to complete throws of 26 yards to Plaxico Burress and 9 to Jerome Bettis on Pittsburgh's next drive early in the fourth quarter. But he was replaced by Tommy Maddox midway through the drive because, coach Bill Cow-her said, "He grimaced every time he threw it.

Roethlisberger's injury was the lone worrisome note for the Steelers as they ran their fran-chise-record winning streak to 13 games and all but eliminated the Ravens (8-7) from playoff conten

"You don't like to lose, especially in this environment, in what pretty much is a playoff game for us," Ravens quarterback Kyle Boller said

Roethlisberger (14-for-19, 211 yards, one interception) probably won't play Jan. 2 in Buffalo, but none of his teammates seemed overly concerned. Roethlisberger

did not speak to reporters "Ben's a tough guy, and I'm not worried at all about Ben," Bettis said. "He wanted to keep going.

He's a competitor Coincidentally, Roethlisberger

became Pittsburgh's starter when Maddox hurt his right elbow Sept. 19 against the Ravens. Maddox did not play again until Sunday

Bettis ran for 117 yards in his sixth 100-yard game this season all in place of Duce Staley (hamstring), who sat out for the sixth time in eight games. Bettis also moved past Eric Dickerson into fourth place on the NFL career rushing list with 13,294 vards and closed within 60 yards of his ninth 1,000-yard season.

Pittsburgh is assured of matching the best record in franchise history (14-2 in 1978) even if it loses at Buffalo.

They've been on a roll and it doesn't seem like they're stop-ping," Ravens safety Ed Reed ping," Ravens safety Ed Reed said. "But I still think we're a better team than we displayed.











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# **Manning breaks Marino's season TD mark**

## Colts QB throws for 49th score in OT victory

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Peyton Manning wanted the victory more than the record. He got both

Manning rallied his Indianapolis Colts from a 15-point deficit in the final quarter. throwing his record-breaking 49th touch down of the season to help tie the game in the last minute of regulation, and then led the winning drive in overtime as the Colts

defeated San Diego 34-31 Sunday. The victory was the eighth straight for the Colts (12-3) and gave Indianapolis at least the No. 3 seed in the playoffs. The Colts still have an outside shot at a first-round bye, but New England would have to lose its final two games.

"It's a great win for us." Manning said. "It's great to get the win and the TD record all at the same time."

San Diego's winning streak ended at eight games. The Chargers (11-4) will still host a first-round game as the No. 4 seed. It was an atypical day for Manning and the Colts, though

Manning, who had been sacked just nine times all season, was sacked four times by the Chargers. Manning fumbled twice threw an interception and seemed out of sync for much of the day. He still finished 27-for-44 for 383 yards with two TDs to give him 49 this year. Miami's Dan Marino threw for 48 TDs in 1984

When the Colts needed Manning to play his best, he did.

Manning threw a 21-yard TD pass to wide-open Brandon Stokley with 56 seconds left in regulation to break the record. Then he called a draw for Edgerrin James, who ran it in for two points to tie the score

In overtime, Manning needed just four plays to set up the winning field goal. He

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hooked up with Stokley on a 23-yard gain, then found Reggie Wayne on a 35-yard catch-and-run and James ran once to the middle of the field setting up Mike Vanderjagt's winner from 30 yards with 12:13 to

Manning was not the only one to break records in Indianapolis.

San Diego's LaDainian Tomlinson ran 16 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter, giving him 12 straight games with a rushing TD to break the NFL season record. And teammate Antonio Gates caught his 13th touchdown pass of the season, a season record for a tight end

Every time Manning got near the end zone, flashes went off. He only wished it could have been that easy against the NFL's No. 26 pass defense.

Instead, Drew Brees and the Chargers defense made things tough.

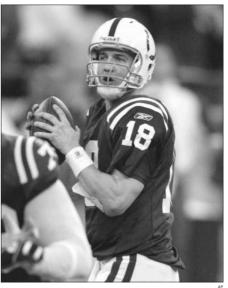
Brees finished 21-for-31 for 290 vards with three touchdowns and one interception, and San Diego led for almost the en-

The Chargers appeared to have control when Gates caught a shovel pass and ran four yards for a TD to make it 24-9 early in the second half.

On the Colts' next series, Harrison caught a 29-vard pass on third-and-12, giving the Colts just the fourth trio of 1,000-yard receivers. The play also set up Manning's record-tying throw, a 3-yard shovel pass to James Mungro. With flash bulbs going off again, Manning clapped his hands and walked to the sidelines as fans gave him a standing ovation

San Diego answered 11 plays later when

Dominic Rhodes countered with an 88-yard kickoff return to cut the lead to 31-23, setting the stage for Manning's late



napolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning eyes receiver Brandon Stokley for his 49th touchdown pass of the season, breaking the record held by Dan Marino.

## Texans' first shutout hurts Jags' playoff chances

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE. Maybe the Jacksonville Jaguars took Houston lightly. The Texans certainly believed

so. The scoreboard may have indicated it, too. Domanick Davis ran for a ca-

reer-high 150 yards and a touchdown and Houston crippled Jacksonville's postseason chances with a 21-0 victory Sunday.

"I knew we had a good chance coming in here, but for some reason these guys don't respect us and they came out and played Texans defensive tackle Seth Payne said after Houston held the Jaguars to a franchise-low 126 yards.

The Jaguars, coming off a big win at Green Bay, looked nothing like a team with so much to gain.

The offense had some excuses. Running back Fred Taylor missed the game with a sprained left knee, ending his streak of consecutive starts at 46 games, and quarterback Byron Leftwich sustained a mild concussion in the first quarter

The shutout was the first in team history for Houston and



have been blanked since a 44-0 drubbing at Detroit on Dec. 17, This one could be far more cost-

ly than that loss to the Lions in Jacksonville's inaugural season.

Recause Raltimore lost at Pitts burgh, the Jaguars (8-7) could have taken control of the final AFC wild-card spot with a victory against Houston (7-8). Instead they will need to win next week at Oakland and have other teams lose to return to the postseason for the first time since 1999.

"They're sitting there worried about Baltimore and Pittsburgh. They should have been worried a little hit about us " Tevans defensive end Gary Walker said.

The Jags have no one to blame but themselves - because they did little on offense and couldn't stop Davis all afternoon.

"We just didn't show up," Pro Bowl defensive tackle Marcus Strond said

Leftwich struggled from the

start. He misfired on his first three passes and fumbled early. He picked up the loose ball and then took a shot to the head when sacked by Robaire Smith.

He missed a play before returning on the next series. But he wasn't the same. He overthrew receivers and looked lost in the pocket at times. Coach Jack Del Rio benched him with 4:04 to play, replacing him with David

"He told me I looked kind of woozy. I couldn't do anything about it," said Leftwich, who still appeared dazed 30 minutes after the game

Leftwich finished 6-for-14 for 35 yards with an interception.

"I was hit pretty hard, but I was able to come back," Leftwich said. "I don't know how much it affected me. It's something we're going to have to take a hard look at Monday and see if I was moving around the same."

Texans. meanwhile. The moved the ball with ease. They finished with 333 yards, much of it thanks to Davis. His previous career high was 129 yards, set last season against the New York Jets and tied last month against

Davis also caught five passes for 39 yards. "You missed one tackle with

that guy, and it was like he was out of the gate," Jags linebacker Mike Peterson said. The Texans scored on the open-

ing possession, a 65-yard drive capped by Davis' 1-yard run. They made it 14-0 in the second after Davis broke loose for a 44-yard gain and then Andre Johnson made a spinning 10-yard catch in the end zone. They added a defensive score

with 3:11 to play. Antwan Peek picked up a fumble and returned it 66 yards for his first career touchdown.

"This is the best defensive game we've had in our three-year history," coach Dom Capers said. "It shows you the kind of pride and character they have."

The Texans overcame three muffed punt returns - they re covered two of them and the Jags missed a field goal following the other — and two interceptions by David Carr to sweep the series against Jacksonville and finish 4-2 in the AFC South

"This is a team we've had success against, and for some reason they don't respect us." Payne said. "I hope they keep disrespecting us.

Bengals 23. Giants 22: At Cincinnati, Keiwan Ratliff's 42-yard punt return set up Jon Kitna's 4-vard touchdown pass to Chad Johnson with 44 seconds left, rallying Cincinnati to a victory that amounted to another dollop of misery for the Giants.

The 64,606 bundled fans threw clumps of snow into the air while Kitna rushed to tackled Johnson in the end zone, a jubilant ending to another disappointing home season for the Bengals (7-8).

The Giants (5-10) were resigned to their eighth straight loss after Eli Manning's final pass was tipped and intercepted by Carl Powell. Several snowballs - remnants from a midweek storm flew from the stands as the Giants trudged off the field, losers again.

The elusive win was there for the taking after Steve Christie kicked his fifth field goal for a 19-17 lead early in the fourth quarter. An injury-depleted Giants defense that had played well despite four new starters came within one play of finishing off

# Saints take advantage of Vick's absence

## As injured star watches, Saints keep alive hopes for playoff berth

BY MARY FOSTER

NEW ORLEANS - New Orleans got a break when the Atlanta Falcons decided to rest Michael Vick and his aching shoulder. And the Saints took advantage

with a much-needed victory Aaron Brooks threw for one touchdown and ran for one and Michael Lewis returned a kickoff for a score Sunday to lead the Saints to a 26-13 victory that keeps New Orleans in playoff con-

Brooks, Vick's cousin, completed 12 of 24 passes for 227 yards. With New Orleans trailing 6-5 in the second quarter. Brooks scored the go-ahead touchdown after New Orleans pulled the kicking team on fourth down and sent the offense back in. His 1-yard leap made it 12-6 and the Saints (7-8) led thereafter.

"It was a disappointing performance for our football team, and that means everyone who got on the plane and came down here," Atlanta coach Jim Mora said

Vick, unbeaten in three starts against New Orleans, was on the sideline in shorts and T-shirt, inactive for the game.

"I told Jim thanks after the game," Saints coach Jim Haslett joked about not facing Vick. "He's a great football player. There's a reason they pay him all that money

"But I thought our guys were



Atlanta quarterback Matt Schaub takes a shot to the face from New Orleans' Will Smith (91) as he throws a pass in the fourth quarter of Sunday's game. Schaub subbed for regular QB Michael Vick, who was injured.

up to the challenge if Michael would have played. It was the third straight win for

New Orleans, its first three-game winning streak since 2002.

Lewis' 96-yard kickoff return with 5:32 left in the third quarter put the Saints up 26-13

"It was even bigger because he called it at halftime," Saints center LeCharles Bentley said of Lewis' run. "He said, 'Get ready, I'm going to take one to the

The Falcons (11-4) were also without two other key offensive weapons: tight end Alge Crumpler and running back T.J. Duck-

Vick and Crumpler had terrorized the Saints in recent meetings. Vick averaged 249 yards total offense - 178 passing, 71 rushing — while passing for four touchdowns and running for four. Crumpler had 103 yards receiving including the 20-yard, ne-winning touchdown in Atlanta's 24-21 victory over New Orleans last month.

The Falcons could afford to rest the trio. Atlanta already had clinched the division title, and last week wrapped up the No. 2 seed and a first-round bye.

Vick was replaced by rookie quarterback Matt Schaub, who completed 17 of 41 passes for 188 vards. He was sacked three times and had two passes intercepted.

Atlanta, which led the NFL in rushing with 169.6 yards per game, had 93 yards against New Orleans. Warrick Dunn rushed for 52 yards on 18 carries.

Saints running back Deuce McAllister had 128 yards on 18 carries, making him the third player in franchise history to rush for 4.000 vards.

The Saints went up 2-0 on a first-quarter safety. John Carney made it 5-0 with a 22-yard field goal with 11 seconds left in the first quarter.

On the first play of the second quarter, Schaub tossed the ball to Dunn, who ran 59 yards to the New Orleans 7. Jay Feely's 25-yard field goal pulled Atlanta to 5-3. Feely's second field goal, set up by an interception, gave Atlanta a 6-5 lead.

The Saints then staged an 80-yard drive with Brooks and Joe Horn connecting for 58 yards The drive appeared to have stalled on the 1 and the New Orleans kicking team came on. But as it was lining up, Haslett called a timeout. As he talked to the coaches on the sideline, Brooks, Horn, McAllister and Bentley huddled with them.

Seconds later, Haslett called the kicking team off the field and sent the offense back out.

"Well. I wanted the lead with 3:20 to go and the players wanted to go for it, then the fans wanted to go," Haslett said. "So I guess I was outnumbered '

Brooks leaped over center for the TD, giving New Orleans a 12-6 halftime edge.

The Saints stretched it to 19-6 on the first series of the second half on Brooks' 39-vard touchdown pass to Donte' Stallworth.

Dunn had his first big run of the game a 16-varder for a TD late in the third quarter, to pull Atlanta within 19-13.

## In another stunner, Lions win this one

BY LARRY LAGE The Associated Press

DETROIT - The Detroit Lions walked off the field stunned for a second straight

This time, they were surprised they won Chad Hutchinson appeared to throw a 43-yard, game-tying touchdown pass to Bernard Berrian with 1:26 left, but an incomplete ruling on the field stood after a re view despite replays that appeared to show it should've been overturned, giving Detroit a 19-13 victory over the Chicago Bears on Sunday

"I was shocked," said Detroit's Jason Hanson, who made four field goals, "I thought for sure they were going to call it a touchdown, but I'm not going to complain."

Referee Terry McAulay announced on the field that the ball was moving when Berrian hit the ground.

The Bears were flabbergasted.

"I caught the ball, got two feet in, hit the ground and that was it," Berrian said. "It was a touchdown. There's no doubt about

Last week, a botched extra-point kick with 8 seconds left allowed Minnesota to beat Detroit 28-27

The Lions (6-9) had lost seven of eight,

but were subdued after nearly blowing a 16.0 lead in the second half "Our room was quiet for a win. I didn't

see any jumping around," Detroit coach Steve Mariucci said. "A win is a win, and ou shouldn't look down your nose at it, but

I'm happy that we weren't elated We're disappointed in our second-half performance. We had a chance to put the

game away and we didn't do it.' The Bears (5-10) have dropped five of

Kevin Jones went over the 1,000-yard mark, something only Barry Sanders and Billy Sims did as Detroit rookies, with 123

vards rushing on 25 carries 'It's a great honor because those are two of the best ever," Jones said

Jones, who has 1,061 yards, scored on a 1-yard run and went over the 100-yard mark for the fourth time. Sanders ran for 1,470 yards in 1989 and Sims had 1,303 yards rushing in 1980.

Detroit scored on four straight drives in the first half, building a 16-0 lead on Jones' TD and Hanson's three field goals.

Linebacker Lance Briggs pulled the Bears to 16-6 late in the third quarter with an interception and 38-yard return. Hanson kicked his fourth field goal early in the fourth quarter after Jones' fumble was overturned by replay.

Hutchinson capped a 90-yard drive with a 15-vard TD pass to Jason McKie to make it 19-13 with 7:04 to go.

The Bears got the ball back and, after converting a fourth-and-3 at midfield, Hutchinson seemed to connect with Berrian for a TD. It appeared that Berrian caught the ball and got both feet in bounds on the side of the end zone, but the officials didn't see it that way and after three more incomplete passes. Detroit escaped.

'I thought it might've been a touchdown like vou did." Mariucci said.

The Lions beat a team twice in a season for the first time since 1998 and Chicago missed a chance to win at least one game against every team in the division for the first time since 1991.

Joey Harrington was 15-for-30 for 166 yards with an interception for Detroit. Hutchinson was 20-for-35 for 114 yards with a TD and Thomas Jones ran for 109

Kevin Jones' 39-vard run set up the first score, Hanson's 31-yard field goal late in

the first quarter. When Jones surpassed the 1,000-yard mark on Detroit's next drive, he obviously knew it because he threw the football to the sideline before the crowd was told he reached the milestone. Two plays later, Jones dove for a 1-yard TD.



Despite evidence to the contrary, this apparent TD reception by Chicago's Bernard Berrian was ruled incomplete even after officials reviewed the play on video.

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Five players in double figures lead Knicks past Bobcats, Page 32

# **Defensive great White dies at 43**

Cause of death uncertain for former NFL sack leader

> BY PAUL NOWELL The Associated Press

CORNELIUS, N.C. - Reggie White, a fearsome defensive end for the Philadelphia Eagles and Green Bay Packers who was one of the great players in NFL history, died Sunday, his wife said. He was 43.

The cause of death was not immediately known.

"Today our beloved husband, father and friend passed away, White's wife, Sara, said in a statement through a family pastor. "His family appreciates your thoughts and prayers as we mourn the loss of Reggie White. We want to thank you in advance for honoring our privacy.

White was taken to Presbyterian Hospital, but the hospital said it would release no further information because it has not received family permission. A police officer was outside White's Tudor-style home in a gated community, and would not let a reporter approach the house.

A two-time NFL Defensive Play er of the Year and ordained minister who was known as the "Minis-ter of Defense," White played 15 years with Philadelphia, Green Bay and Carolina. He retired after the 2000 season as the NFL's career leader in sacks with 198. The mark has since been passed by Bruce Smith.

"Reggie White was a gentle warrior who will be remembered as one of the greatest defensive players in NFL history," NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said. "Equally as impressive as his achievements on the field was the positive impact he made off the field and the way he served as



MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL/AF

Former Green Bay Packers defensive end Reggie White shows his intensity in this 1997 file photo. White, 43, died Sunday of a heart attack at his home in Huntersville, N.C, his wife Sara said. White was a two-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year during his 15 years in the league.

a positive influence on so many young people.

A member of the NFL's 75th anniversary team, White was elected to the Pro Bowl a record 13 straight times from 1986-98. He was the NFL's Defensive Player of the Year in 1987 and 1998

"He was just a wonderful play-

er, first of all," said Seattle coach

Mike Holmgren, who coached White at Green Bay. "Then as a person, he was just the best. He was one of the leaders, along with Brett Favre, of our football team in Green Bay. I'm a better person for having been around Reggie White.

"Gang Green Defense." After an All-American senior season at Tennessee, White began his pro career with the Memphis Showboats of the USFL in 1984. He joined the Philadelphia Eagles, who held his NFL rights, after the USFL folded in 1985. For eight years he was as an

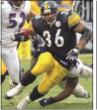
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Eagles owner Jeffrev Lurie called White "one of the greatest men ever to play the game of football" and said his "legacy on and off the football field will never be forgotten.

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